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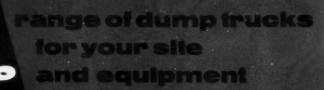
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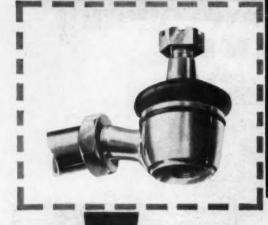
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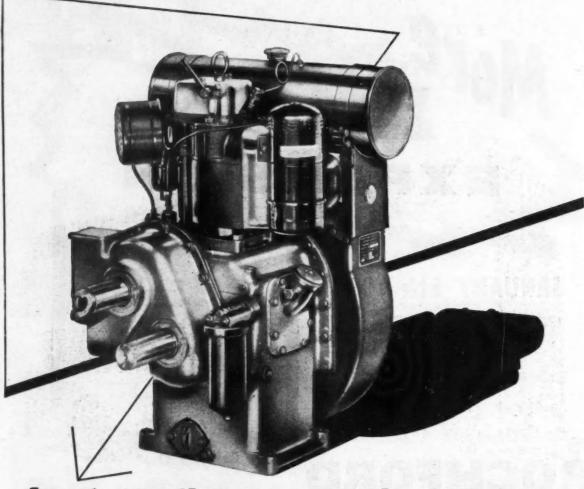
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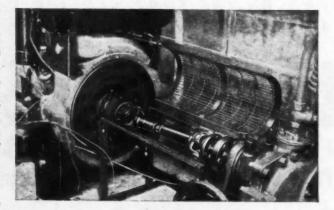
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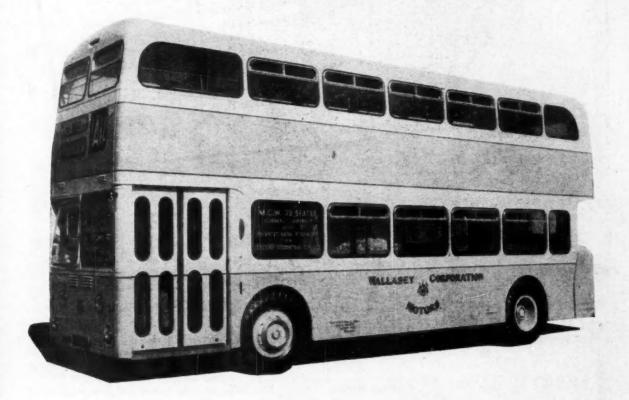
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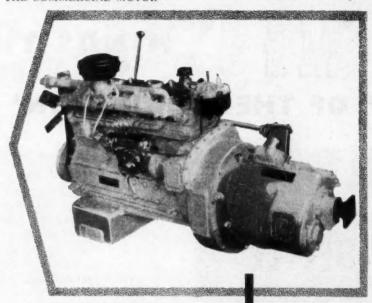
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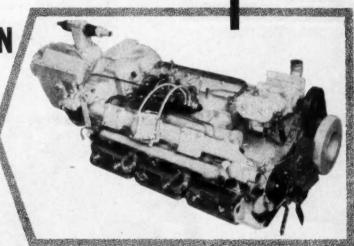
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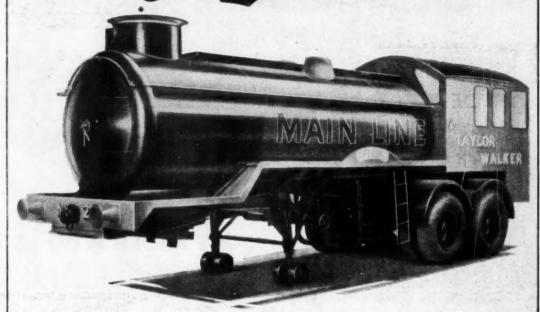
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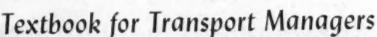
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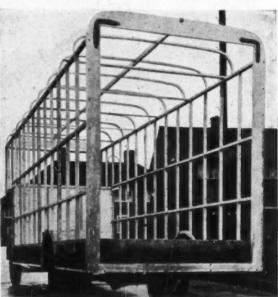




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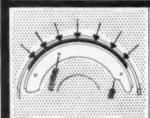
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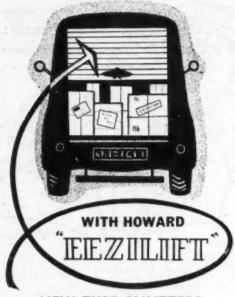
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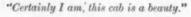
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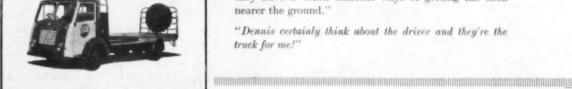
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# Stunned Silence

OPERATORS are beginning to give serious consideration to the problems that will a r i s e when the L o n d o n-Birmingham motorway is opened.

Existing designs of heavy vehicle appear to be sufficiently robust to withstand sustained driving at 50 m.p.h.—assuming that they are capable of such speeds—but there are growing doubts about the suitability of most of the present braking systems and tyres for rapid

travel on motorways.

The difficulties that are likely to occur were well ventilated last week by members of the Automobile Division of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. It was generally agreed that commercial vehicles were not likely to exceed about 55 m.p.h. and that stability when braking, particularly on icy surfaces, was of vital importance. A member suggested that 50 per cent. efficiency for the foot brake of an eight-wheeler was insufficient, but it was quickly pointed out that extremely powerful brakes could cause danger to passengers in coaches and to drivers of goods vehicles if loads shifted forward.

There is clearly a need for a system that will bring a heavy vehicle rapidly to a halt without setting up dangerous stresses. Brake designers are, in other words, being asked to defy the force of kinetic energy. At the same time, complete stability on ice must be assured when the brakes are fully applied.

#### Only One Rear Wheel Braked

These requirements form a challenge to which Mr. G. Grime, of the Road Research Laboratory, suggested an answer so radical that his hearers were surprised into silence. His proposal was that light vehicles should be braked on only one rear wheel. He admitted that to do so would reduce braking efficiency by 20 per cent., but, on the other hand, he argued that it would preserve stability.

The explanation of this theory is that the momentum of a vehicle travelling in a straight line can be represented by a force acting along its axis in a forward direction through the centre of gravity. When a vehicle is being braked on an icy surface, the one point continuing to move in a straight line will be the centre of gravity. The mass of the vehicle will tend to swing round this point and the driver may lose control.

-Greets an Authoritative Suggestion of One-wheel Braking at the Rear to Increase Stability

Whether or not this turning action develops depends upon the total friction between the front tyres and the road, compared with the total available at the

rear. In effect, the centre of gravity pulls the vehicle forward if the total road-to-tyre friction at the rear exceeds that at the front, and pushes the vehicle if the friction is greater at the front. With a higher degree of friction between the front tyres and the road, the result may be compared with an attempt to push a trolley with castors, instead of pulling it.

To preserve stability, the centre of gravity must pull against a resistance rather than push against an opposing force. So long as road-to-tyre friction at the rear is greater than the total friction provided by the front two wheels, the vehicle will skid in a straight line.

#### Preventing Slides

Because the coefficient of friction of a revolving wheel is appreciably higher than that of a locked one, Mr. Grime maintains that, if one rear wheel cannot be locked by full application of the brakes, the increased total friction of the two rear wheels will prevent a turning action when both the front wheels and the remaining rear wheel are locked.

Coming from a lesser authority this theory might be dismissed as moonshine. Common experience with unequally braked wheels seems to show that the results are the opposite of those predicted by Mr. Grime. It is significant, however, that nobody at the meeting challenged him or inquired whether he had tried out his theory in practice.

It is easy to imagine the unequal stresses that would be set up in suspension and transmission systems and frames by repeated brake applications on one rear wheel. Arrangements would have to be made to combat them and the system operating on the three wheels would have to be of exceptional efficiency to remain acceptable despite a loss of 20 per cent. effectiveness. It may be that Mr. Grime has started an entirely new trend of thought on the subject of brake design.

As regards tyres, most manufacturers are known to be anxious about the results of sustained high-speed travel by heavy vehicles and are trying to produce suitable covers in time for the opening of Britain's first longdistance motorway.

# Train the Trader

THE "kerb space is precious" campaign, to be introduced nationally by the Traders' Road Transport Association on March 2, is one of the most useful and practical enterprises ever undertaken by the Association. It has the blessing of the Minister of Transport, who inaugurated it in the London area last year. He said at the time that the campaign did not entirely remove the possibility that further restrictions on waiting by goods vehicles might have to be imposed, but he welcomed the co-operation of commercial-vehicle users in dealing with a difficult situation.

Unfortunately, the success of the movement does not depend entirely, or even largely, on the goodwill of operators. They are in the hands of consignors and consignees of goods, who determine how long a vehicle must wait at the kerbside to deliver or collect a load. If operators were in control of the situation there would be little waiting in the streets.

The energetic action being taken by the T.R.T.A. should convince the various trade bodies concerned of the urgency of the problem, and it is for them to impress on their members the necessity of prompt clearance of vehicles. There are already welcome signs of co-operation by chambers of commerce, the co-operative societies and others, but lack of a sense of urgency on the part of only one or two traders in a street could destroy the effectiveness of the campaign in that area. The education of traders in the value of street space must be thorough and rapid.

Bus operators should benefit greatly by the success of the movement. An increase in average speeds would help to reduce operating costs and attract passengers to faster, more punctual services. They might, in their own interests, lend their aid to the T.R.T.A.'s campaign, perhaps by publicity in their buses and in various other ways.

# **Passing Comments**

#### A Worthwhile Association

Thas for long been the impression amongst many technicians that the Diesel Engineers and Users Association, 18 London Street, London, E.C.3, which was founded in 1913, has been concerned almost solely with power units employed for stationary purposes. This has applied also to the Association's interest in gas turbines.

Actually, this is a misconception and the body has recently issued a leaflet setting forth concisely the benefits offered to those connected with oil engines and gas turbines for all classes of application. Technicians responsible for the design, manufacture or maintenance of these units are eligible for membership. Other people interested in them in any way are eligible for subscribership, or the special subscribership (E) at a reduced subscription of £2 2s. per annum, compared with the £3 3s. for the two other grades, which is available to those concerned with education in power production. Whilst members and subscribers have equal privileges, control is vested in the members.

Included among the facilities are friendly, informal meetings held monthly in the winter, and visits to appropriate engineering establishments in the summer, whilst the six issues of the proceedings include the well-known "Working Costs and Performance Report." Meetings are now held in the Memorial Hall of the Institute of Marine Engineers, where there is more room for visitors, and the conditions are much better than formerly.

Whilst nearly all the larger manufacturers are subscribers, as are many of the bigger users, the main membership is comprised of smaller users, whose experience helps the makers to improve their products.

#### Putting it on the Spot

RESEARCH on the properties of lubricants has, in the past, been mostly concerned with these materials in their bulk form. A newer approach to the problem is to study their performance in the small but critical areas of near contact. Such a contact is where a ball "rolls" on the raceway in a bearing. The basis of the test is how well a lubricant serves its purpose on the spot.

#### Some Early Touring Maps

A CONTRIBUTOR to this journal states that although map making began some 4,500 years ago, the touring map came into existence only with the automobile age, and that the first appeared in the Chicago Times-Herald in 1895 in connection with a Thanksgiving Day meeting.

This may have been so in the States, but in Britain road maps and routes measured from well-known spots such as Hyde Park Corner, London, Holborn Bars, etc., with the names of towns and cross-references as to the routes on which they lie, were published well before A.D. 1800. In fact there are one or two in the offices of *The Commercial Motor* dating from as early as A.D. 1791, whilst another, printed a few years later, contains a record of a case in the Court of King's Bench in which the publisher took action against another for "piracy" of his publication and plagiarism.

#### Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A PERFECTLY innocuous-looking 30-cwt, van which is regularly employed on wages collection for a company with over 2,000 employees, provides several surprises for any bandits foolhardy enough to risk attacking it. This vehicle, which is operating in Britain, but the whereabouts of which must not be disclosed, is painted in the standard livery of the company and is indistinguishable from other vehicles in the fleet. Those lacky enough to be shown the interior, however, see several non-standard items!

For example, two short-wave radio sets are fitted, one in the cab and the other in the main section of the body, which is separated from the cab by a glazed partition. The glazing in this partition and in the rear doors is protected by wire screens which are strong enough to withstand blows from ice picks or other weapons which have been used on previous occasions to break into such vehicles. Inside the cab there is a powerful electrically operated siren which, in addition to being controllable from the cab, can also be operated by means of a long cord which reaches through the van and can be held by the security officer when the van is actually being loaded outside the bank. At the first sign of trouble the cord is pulled, whereupon an

insulating pad is jerked from between two contacts and the siren wails its warning.

A thick stainless-steel bar is bolted into the floor at the rear of the body and to this the money boxes are chained and padlocked, stainless steel also being used for these items. Self-locking padlocks are employed and these are opened when the van leaves the factory and the keys left behind, it being necessary only to snap them shut when the boxes are in position. The rear doors themselves are not locked but are barred from inside, thereby giving the occupants of the van a chance to get out in the event of an accident.

There are seats for four persons in the body against the partition, and in addition to having the short-wave radio and the siren control these personnel can switch off the engine ignition from a concealed switch inside the body, there being two more concealed switches within the cab.

A security officer travels in the cab and he carries a "powder pistol" which is loaded with a blue powder to enable the officer to mark an attacker. No proper firearms are carried, however, the other personnel being armed with truncheons—which might well also leave blue marks!

New Process for "Plate" Glass

THE idea of the century for glass making has been developed by Pilkington Bros., Ltd., and is referred to in *The Financial Times*. It is called the "Float Process" and was originally put forward in 1952 by Mr. A. Pilkington, technical director of the company.

The essence of the scheme is to float the molten glass on a bath of melted metal so that, while it is soft, it touches nothing but liquid. Thus the natural surfaces of the glass are preserved, uniformity of thickness is obtained and no grinding is required. In fact the fire-polished surfaces are said to be better than those achieved by the former grinding and polishing, whilst the method is continuous.

Although glass of this type is being supplied to Triplex for motor vehicles and will later be available for building purposes, mirrors and shop fronts, it is believed that it will be many years before the present normal production methods will be entirely replaced, but the new glass should become cheaper, as the plant will be smaller, less costly and will not require so much manual labour.

## One Hears-

From Sir John Elliot that management is an art, not a science.

That some managers might be considered as artful, if not "arty."

That American transport experts predict the end of passenger-carrying rail services by 1970.

That Canadian bus operators foresee a similar trend in their country and look forward to expansion and prosperity.

That chatting mothers awaiting schoolchildren often set a bad example to them by stepping backwards off the pavements.

The query: Would it be fair to expect the Illuminating Engineering Society to celebrate its Jubilee without becoming lit-up.

That those who do not wish to hear can have electronic "ear muffs" which create noise equivalent to that offending, but opposite in phase.

That this artificial quietude is not suggested as being useful in the case of home arguments.

That if a "no standing" order became general, bus services and bus crews would lose still more standing in the estimation of the travelling public.

That the carburizing of parts can be controlled to fine limits by Homocarb electric gas furnaces used in conjunction with their Microcarb instrument. Of a 200-passenger air-conditioned articulated trolleybus being operated in Russia.

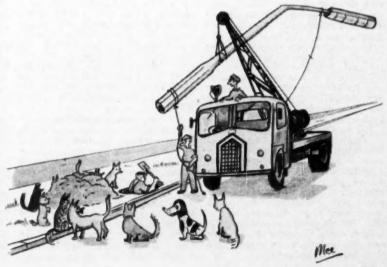
That it has four entrances, but only three exits: once you're in you're in!

That lazy people may take the most trouble, but it is nothing to the trouble they make for others.

As a comment on Wingard's Sahara heater "That anything which can heat up the Sahara must be good."

That although it may sound strange to the uninitiated, the use of stillage is a modern proof that this is an age of progress.

That by adding certain wood tars to the electrolyte, tin can be deposited in bright form without the need for polishing.



# Ownership Tangle Results A-licence Revocation

AFTER hearing of a complicated business arrangement involving two A-licence vehicles, Mr. W. P. James, West Midland Licensing Authority, last week struck off one of the lorries, and threatened to do the same to the other unless the licensee, Mr. T. Harvey, Stoke-on-Trent, could satisfy him that he actually owned the vehicle and employed the driver. Mr. Harvey was given a month to produce proof of ownership.

Opening the inquiry at Hanley, Mr. James said it appeared that the two vehicles specified on Mr. Harvey's A licences were not owned by him. drivers were employed by Chadwick's Melville Garages, Ltd., Stoke, and accounts for work done by the vehicles were submitted to them. Also, the work done between July and October, 1958, was not in accordance with the normal user granted at the 1957 renewal.

Mr. G. C. Tinsdill, for Mr. Harvey, said he had held A licences for two vehicles since 1933 and prior to nationalization, also had three vehicles on contract A licence with G. Howson and Sons, Ltd., pottery manufacturers, Hanley.

Because of trouble with permits for long-distance work, Mr. Harvey became Howson's transport manager in 1951 and all his vehicles became their property and were transferred to C licence. However, he retained the A licences and it was agreed that he could remain in business on his own account.

#### Agreed to Buy Business

Mr. Harvey said in evidence that soon afterwards he agreed with a Mr. Davey. a private haulier and a director of Chadwick's, that two vehicles should be sold to Howson's by Mr. Davey to be operated under Mr. Harvey's A licences. An agreement was entered into for the eventual purchase of the business by Chadwick's for £3,600, less the price of the vehicles.

Mr. Davey ran the vehicles for a while, but when he left that company it was arranged that Chadwick's should continue to operate them until they could raise the purchase price. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Davey died, and the arrangement continued until 1957, when the licences were due for renewal.

Mr. Harvey then decided that he w. nted to take up his old work again, and was granted a licence with the original wide normal user. The agreement for Chadwick's to purchase was not implemented and for the past four or five years the company had paid him £120 a year out of profits.

Mr. R. Chadwick, managing director of Chadwick's Melville Garages, told Mr. James that Mr. Harvey was introduced to him by Mr. Davey in 1951 as a haulier who had two A licences to dispose of. He agreed to provide vehicles and run the business and later take it over. After Mr. Davey's death he attempted to put the agreement into effect, but Mr. Harvey refused to implement it, saying he wanted more money now that restrictions on long-distance work had been removed.

The original vehicles were replaced by new ones in 1956 at a cost of £1,600 each. They were owned by his company and shown in their assets. The £120 paid annually to Mr. Harvey was for using the licences.

Mr. A. Collinson, for Chadwick's, said a ridiculous situation had developed over a period and neither party had any idea of the true legal position. However, the legal ownership must still be Mr. Harvey's.

Mr. James said he was satisfied that Mr. Harvey had made a false declaration of ownership of the vehicles and of normal user. The vehicles had been employed in carrying building materials locally instead of doing their original

The licence for the older vehicle would be revoked, and if Mr. Harvey wanted to keep the second he must prove that he owned it and operated it with his own He would be given a month, after which there would be further inquiries. If he was not then operating properly further action would be taken. The revocation would take place within seven days.

#### THAMES 10-TON TIPPER

THE first Thames Trader six-wheeled 10-tonner to be produced has been delivered to the Southern Gas Board for operation in the Bournemouth region. The 7-ton tipper chassis has been lengthened and strengthened to accommodate a third axle, and carries a 25-cu.-yd. light-alloy body by County Commercial Cars. Ltd., Fleet, Hants.

The 10-ton body is 17 ft. long, 6 ft. 11 in, wide and 5 ft. 9 in, high, and is provided with Edbro 4 LNS poweroperated hydraulic twin-vertical-ram end-As a safeguard against tipping gear. overloading there is an inspection door on each side of the body to enable the driver to check the levels. A low centre of gravity is obtained by mounting the rear tipping trunnions on outrigger brackets bolted outside the chassis members.

#### 6% MORE VEHICLES

PROVISIONAL figures issued by the Ministry of Transport this week show that, in the September quarter of 1958, there were approximately 7,904,400 vehicles licensed in Great Britain. figure represents an increase of 6 per cent. (477,300) compared with 1957.

The largest advance (8 per cent.) was in cars, totalling approximately 4,549,500. Goods vehicles showed an increase of 4 per cent. and numbered 1,268,500. Only hackney vehicles, at 97,000, showed a decrease (of 2 per cent.).

#### Reading Discussions on Inter-working

EXPLORATORY discussions on some degree of integration are being held between Reading Transport Department and the Thames Valley Traction Co., Ltd. Considerable local interest has been aroused by the suggestion that a form of merger might result in more frequent and, perhaps, cheaper bus services.

At present, the municipal undertaking serves the public within its own boundaries. Thames Valley operate a fleet of more than 300 buses, many of them based on Reading, covering a wide country area. The company are obliged to charge a "protective fare" within the borough boundary.

It is hoped that an inter-working scheme would result in the removal of the protective fare arrangements and, at the same time, allow corporation buses to operate farther afield. A reduction in running costs of both operators might well be reflected in lower fare scales.

Although the first hint of a proposed merger of interests came six months ago, it is understood that, at present, talks have progressed little beyond preliminary stage.

#### TWO NEW VERSIONS OF MASTIFF

TWO new versions of the Mastiff have been produced by Transport Equip-ment (Thornycroft), Ltd. Particularly recommended for tanker bodywork, one has a 14-ft. 6-in. wheelbase, thus coming intermediately between two standard types with wheelbases of 12 ft. 6 in. and The overall chassis length 16 ft. 6 in. is 24 ft, and the recommended maximum body length 18 ft., whilst the unladen weight of the chassis in licensing order is 3 tons 191 cwt., plus 51 cwt. for the makers' own plastics cab. The Mastiff is designed for 14 tons g.v.w.

The other model is a 9-ft. 6-in. wheelbase tractor for a recommended gross train weight of 20 tons. Distance between the rear of the cab and the centre line of the back axle is 7 ft. 111 in., and the chassis weight is 3 tons 15 cwt. plus 51 cwt. for plastics cab. A two-speed rear axle can be fitted.

#### TOWN ROAD EXHIBITION

RAFFIC congestion in large towns can be overcome without wholesale demolition or the banning of cars. That is the theme of an exhibition opened by the Minister of Transport in London on Wednesday.

"Town Roads for Today-and Tomorrow," at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Westminster, is organized by the British Road Federation and is open to the public until next Saturday.

#### **OLYMPICS FOR JAMAICA**

FIFTEEN Leyland M.C.W. Olympic underfloor-engined chassisless buses are to be built for Jamaica Omnibus Services, Ltd. The 44-seat vehicles will be 35 ft. long and will have two entrance doors. The engines specified are Leyland O.600 125 b.h.p. oilers. Semi-automatic Pneumo-Cyclic gearboxes and automatic lubrication equipment will be provided.

# Tribunal Reject "Artic" Plea

A HAULIER who wanted to surrender a special A-licence rigid vehicle in preference to an articulated outfit on A licence had his appeal dismissed by the Transport Tribunal in London on Monday. He was Mr. J. Birks, Uttoxeter, whose original application for the change had been rejected by the West Midland Licensing Authority.

Mr. J. R. Samuel Gibbon, for Mr. Birks, agreed that if the grant were made there would be a small increase in carrying capacity, but said that was not the object of the application. The bulk of the work had been the transportation of excavators for the Uttoxeter manufacturers. The evidence was that they could not be satisfactorily transported on the smaller of Mr. Birks' two special A-licence vehicles.

Mr. J. Amphlett, for the British Transport Commission submitted that if the appeal were allowed, the earning capacity of the new vehicle would be more than 50 per cent, higher than that of the one it replaced.

Announcing the Tribunal's decision, Mr. Hubert Hull, president, said that whilst output of excavators had increased, the simple fact was that this extra tonnage had been accommodated by Mr. Birks. The manufacturers had complained of delays of about one day, but this did not amount to inconvenience.

Therefore, the matter rested on the effect of the manufacturers' growth upon the rest of Mr. Birks' trade. been a drop in the amount of cattle food carried, but this was due to abnormal conditions - an over - lush amount of grass. Was it, then, reasonable for Mr. Birks to be forearmed against this contingency through being given a vehicle capable of carrying his usual amount of cattle food in case conditions returned to normal?

The Tribunal were not prepared to say in advance that during the present season Mr. Birks would be called upon to carry cattle foods at the rate he had done under normal conditions

In the next few months, when the state of the grass could be better ascertained. Mr. Birks would know whether he had had to refuse customers who wanted him to carry cattle food and, as he would this year be seeking replacements for his expiring special A licences, this would be a matter which he could place before the Licensing Authority.

#### FROM SEA TO ROAD

REIGHT between Edinburgh and London which is shipped by London Scottish Lines, Ltd., is to be diverted to road. The coastal service has been operated for 150 years, but strikes at the London end have resulted in trading losses.

No details of the proposed road service have been announced. At present, the company's two vessels are lying at Leith Docks awaiting instructions.

#### 45% EXTRA PAY DEMANDED

THE central busmen's committee are stated to be asking London Transport for an increase of 45 per cent. in wages for the drivers of one-man buses. The present extra payment is 15 per cent.

The matter arises out of London Transport's proposal to introduce 20 one-man operated buses on three routes on May 13.

## R.H.A. Policy and Leadership Reviewed

A DRAFT policy statement and reports from the areas on the question of the appointment of a president-paid or otherwise-were matters considered by the Road Haulage Association's National Executive Committee on Wednesday, and National Council vesterday.

Mr. R. N. Ingram, national chairman, forecast at the Association's conference last October (The Commercial Motor, October 17) that the policy statement would deal with licensing, problems affecting the capital and financial structure of the industry, ownership of the industry, relations with other bodies, including the British Transport Commission, labour relations and rates. When will approved. the statement circulated.

It is understood that all but one of the areas had submitted views on the question of the appointment of a president. Numerically, the majority of the areas appear to be opposed to any change in the present arrangements for the leadership of the Association.

Roads were also considered at both meetings. A resolution from last year's conference about the appointment of a public highway authority was one of the matters on the agenda. Another was a plea for uniformity in street lighting and road surfaces from the Metropolitan and South Eastern Area.

The West Midland Area urged that the idea of a maintenance advisory committee, which has been so successful West Midlands, should be in the extended to other areas. [This point is made in a leading article in *The Commercial Motor* on December 12, 1958.] Another important item was the public

relations campaign to start on March 1. Reports were received of cases in which employers had been prosecuted for incorrect entries on drivers' records when they could not reasonably have been held to have knowledge of the inaccuracies.

The Metropolitan and South Eastern Area asked that the railways should be requested to include Saturday as a free day when charging demurrage.

Well down the agenda was a request for support for a scheme to protect the vehicles of express carriers against theft. A proposal by London operators to band together for mutual protection was reported in The Commercial Motor on January 16.

#### Pig Traffic Appeal is Successful

THE appeal by Mr. R. Goodfellow, Bishop's Waltham, Hants, against a decision by the South Eastern Licensing Authority, has been allowed by the Transport Tribunal. The decision was announced on Monday (The Commercial Motor, January 23).

The president, Mr. Hubert Hull, said Mr. Goodfellow would be granted an extension to the conditions of a B-licence vehicle, at present restricted to the carriage of pigs within a 25-mile radius. He would be allowed to carry pigs to the London factory of T. Wall and Sons, Ltd.

Mr. Goodfellow had appealed because his request for a 75-mile livestock radius had been refused.

Mr. Hull said that, in respect of the application to carry livestock, Mr. Goodfellow's case was almost invisible, save that for the nine months ending March 31, 1958, he had, with his other vehicles, been paid £423 by one customer for carrying cattle. There was no evidence as to the amount of the traffic.

Part of Mr. Goodfellow's case had been that activities at two markets which his vehicle attended had increased and were likely to increase further. But the Tribunal were not prepared to speculate on future growth, especially as it had been said that the expansion would be at the expense of smaller local markets.

The case rested, therefore, on the work done by the vehicle for Wall's and for the Fatstock Marketing Corporation. There was no evidence that Mr. Goodfellow's vehicles had carried the Corporation's pigs outside the 25-mile radius and figures did not show need for expansion. But in the case of Wall's the need for expansion was evident.

The Tribunal were satisfied that Mr. Goodfellow could not switch Wall's traffic to his vehicles which could lawfully handle it, in exchange for a smaller quantity of traffic being carried by those vehicles which were restricted to a 25-

#### £4½m. OFFER FOR PERKINS BY MASSEY-FERGUSON

THE report in The Commercial Motor last week that Massey-Ferguson Holdings, Ltd., were making a bid for the capital of F. Perkins, Ltd., has been confirmed. An offer of 17s. 3d. in cash has been made for each of the 5.2m. Perkins 10s. ordinary shares. The deal involves about £41m.

The directors of Perkins have recommended acceptance of the offer. Massey-Ferguson would maintain supplies of engines to existing customers of F. Perkins, Ltd.

If the offer were accepted, Mr. Frank Perkins would relinquish his post as joint managing director and receive £30,000 compensation. Two other directors, Sir Richard Yeabsley and Mr. G. P. Ritchie, would be paid £4,375 and £2,500 respectively. Mr. M. I. Prichard, Mr. W. N. Collins, Mr. T. H. R. Perkins and Mr. K. E. Woollatt would continue as directors for at least five years.

## Men in the News

LORD MANCROFT has been appointed chairman of Global Tours, Ltd.

MR. F. A. DADGE has replaced MR. T. R. HAWKES as a director of the Northern General Transport Co., Ltd.

DR. F. E. Jones, a director of Mullard, Ltd., has joined the British Transport Commission's research advisory council.

MR. ALBERT E. SEARLE, manager of the transport and depot stocks department of C. C. Wakefield and Co., Ltd., has been elected chairman of the London Area of the Transport Managers' Club.

MR. R. PERRY has become south of England manager in the National Sales Division of the Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd. MR. N. A. SELMAN has become northern manager, and MR. S. C. WEEKS western manager.



Mr. L. Waller, who is to be Ribble's traffic manager.

MR. A. S. BISHOP, chairman of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. (Gt. Britain), Ltd., left England yesterday for a six to eight weeks' trip to South Africa. He will spend some time inspecting Goodyear's plant at Port Elizabeth.

MR. LEONARD WALLER, liaison officer attached to the general manager's office, is to succeed MR. F. A. DICKINSON as traffic manager of Ribble Motor Services. Ltd. Mr. Dickinson is retiring at the end of March after nearly 28 years' service as traffic manager.

MR. EATON ROBINSON, deputy managing director of Leslie Hartridge, Ltd., Buckingham, has been appointed managing director. MR. LESLIE HARTRIDGE, who founded the company and has been managing director for over 30 years, has now become chairman.

MR. H. E. HARD, secretary and comptroller of the International Harvester Co. of Great Britain, Ltd., has returned to America to take up new duties with the parent company's commercial-vehicle division. He will be succeeded in England by MR. G. F. P. BRADBROOKE as comptroller and MR. A. J. E. CUSHION as secretary.

MR. E. P. Town has been appointed to the tyre mileage division of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. (Gt. Britain), Ltd. He will operate in the north of England and Scotland.

Mr. D. G. HAIGH has been appointed export manager of Chloride Batteries, Ltd. Since 1948 he has travelled extensively as a co-ordinator on overseas business and contracts for the Chloride Electrical Storage Co., Ltd.

MR. R. J. Mann, previously technical sales representative of Monsanto Chemicals, Ltd., and I.C.I., Ltd., has been appointed northern area sales manager of International Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd. At the same time, the appointment of Mr. R. McEwan as southern area sales manager was announced.

MR. C. T. KITCHING has been appointed personnel manager of Pirelli, Ltd., taking over the department he joined as personnel officer in 1956. Mr. M. F. R. POTTER has been appointed buying manager in charge of the company's supply organization, and Mr. F. Lee has become manager of the resilient webbing department at Burton upon Trent. The new factory accountant at Burton is Mr. S. Upham.

#### OBITUARY

WE regret to record the deaths of MR. FREDERICK WILLIAM BAKER, MR. ALFRED EDWARD BENGRY and MR. W. H. CLARK.

Mr. Baker, who was 92, was chairman of Ransomes and Marles Bearing Co., Ltd., until 1953.

Mr. Bengry founded Primrose Motor Services, Leominster, Herefordshire. He was driving one of his 14 vehicles when he was taken ill, and he died soon afterwards. Mr. Bengry was 66.

Mr. Clark, aged 75, was one of the founders of Clark and Dutch, Ltd., hauliers, Perth. He retired in 1952 after more than 30 years as managing director.

#### "A STITCH IN TIME"

OWER grants for the maintenance of classified roads represent false economy, say the British Road Federation in their latest publication, "A Stitch In Time." The amount of work that can be done under current grants is no more than the pre-war level, and to meet needs the grant for each year should be raised by 12½ per cent. Thus in 1958-59, £39½m. should be spent instead of £35m.

#### A MINUTE'S SILENCE

A ONE-MINUTE silence was observed at Manchester traffic court, on Monday, in memory of the late Mr. J. Rutherford Lindsay, who was Deputy Licensing Authority for the North Western Area. Tributes were paid by Mr. G. H. P. Beames, Mr. J. A. Dunkerley, Mr. Howard Robinson and Mr. S. Moss.

# Excursion Operator's Application Fails

A STRONG group of objectors successfully opposed a coach excursion operator at Bristol, last week, when he asked the Western Traffic Commissioners to grant him picking-up points in Gloucester and Tewkesbury. The operator, Mr. J. Morgan, Corse Lawn, Gloucester, wanted to use the proposed points on all his excursions and extended tours.

Mr. T. D. Corpe represented the objectors—Yeoman, Miller and Co. (Tours and Travel), Ltd.; Roy Grindle and Sons, Ltd.; Associated Motorways; Bristol Omnibus Co., Ltd.; Black and White Motorways, Ltd.; Bristol Co-operative Society, Ltd.; Red and White Services, Ltd.; and British Railways.

For Mr. Morgan, Mr. P. D. Clarke said he had five coaches and provided a stewardess for tours lasting more than a



Mr. A. E. Searle, the Transport Managers' Club's new London chairman.

day. He had been operating since 1945, and had received 300 applications from prospective passengers in Gloucester and 120 from Tewkesbury. He did a great deal of private party work, but on his licensed operations he provided more leisurely tours than usual.

Mr. Corpe pointed out that if the application were granted Mr. Morgan would have to run more vehicles from the two towns, yet they were already well served by operators whose vehicles were rarely filled. A similar application had been refused in 1954, and there had been no development since to justify a grant.

Refusing the application, Mr. S. W. Nelson, chairman, remarked that Mr. Clarke had made a valiant attempt to make bricks without straw. There was really no evidence for the new picking-up points, and Mr. Morgan appeared to be doing quite well with the points he already had in his rural area.

#### 1,000 YORK SEMI-TRAILERS

A LTHOUGH full-scale production of semi-trailers began only in 1957, the York Trailer Co., Ltd., Corby, Northants, have already built their thousandth model. It was a tandem-axle semi-trailer for British Road Services.

### Air Suspension for Dutch Leylands

A N air-suspension system which has been developed by Leyland Motors, Ltd., for test by the Netherlands Railways to be exhibited by Leyland-Holland N.V. at the Amsterdam Show, which opens next Friday. It is purely experimental, and is not being fitted to the 600 buses already being supplied to the Netherlands Railways under current con-

The system works in conjunction with leaf springs, which support approximately 90 per cent. of the unladen sprung weight. The excess load is carried by the air springs. The leaf springs provide longitudinal and lateral location in addition to torque reaction.

The suspension is to be shown as applied to a rear axle. Four Dunlop Pneuride double-convolution bellows are

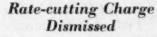
### Overnight Liverpool-Belfast Link

A NEW vehicle and container service connecting Liverpool and Belfast was inaugurated last week by Link Line. Ltd. The company have two vessels and are operating nightly in each direction. discharging at both ports at 8 a.m.

New quay facilities have been built at the ports and specially designed 12-ton containers are available. Both ships can carry 36 trailers or large-type unit loads stowed four abreast.

A spokesman said the service would cater for vehicles, trailers, large containers, bulk liquid tankers and similar units. There were no tidal restrictions at either port, so overnight passage was always possible.

To cater for consignments of up to four tons which are unsuitable for unit loading, Link Line have made arrange-



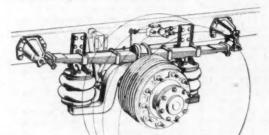
SUGGESTION that accepted haul-A age rates in the Northwich area might be undercut if an application by Mr. R. E. Nixon, Lower Whitley, near Warrington, were granted, was made on Monday to the North Western Licensing Authority, Mr. F. Williamson. He was hearing Mr. Nixon's application for the transfer of five special-A-licence vehicles to A licence, with a normal user covering 13 named traffics within 150 miles and occasional journeys to the south, south-east and London.

Mr. J. Barrow, managing director of W. Barrow, Ltd., Northwich, who objected, said they had a contract A licence with I.C.I., Northwich. Mr. Nixon's vehicles had been entering the area and taking work from regular hauliers, with the result that Barrow's customers had complained that their rates were too high in comparison with Mr.

Mr. J. A. Dunkerley, for Mr. Nixon, suggested that in the past there had been a little group of hauliers in the Northwich area monopolizing I.C.I. traffic. They resented a new man entering the field and possibly taking traffic away from them because he was able to operate at a lower, economic rate.

Mr. H. Robinson, for Barrow's, submitted that traders would always take advantage of a reduction in rates. To this, Mr. Dunkerley replied that there was nothing wrong in reducing rates, provided they were reduced to an economic level.

Mr. Williamson said the objectors had failed to show that there had been undercutting of rates or that facilities were excessive. He granted the application.



The new Leyland air-suspension layout, which incorporates Dunlop Pneuride air springs and normal leaf springs. The air springs act on inverted U-members at each side.

incorporated, there being bellows behind and ahead of the axle beam on each side. The bellows are carried at the ends of inverted U-members, the loop of the U
being above the axle beam, with the leaf
springs above them. The ends of the leaf
springs are conventionally mounted on the chassis frame, with single shackles at the rear ends:

Two levelling valves are mounted on the inside of the frame side members. and telescopic dampers are provided.

# DAVID BROWN WORKING ON MILITARY VEHICLE

SECRET work on a vehicle with a military potential is being undertaken by David Brown Industries, Ltd., it was revealed last week. The news was given at a Ministry of Housing inquiry, when the company contested a decision by Warwickshire County Council and Meriden Rural District Council, refusing them permission to set up a design and planning centre in a former R.A.F. operations room at Balsall Common. Birmingham.

Mr. J. R. Densham, chief projects engineer, said qualified staff to work on the design could be found only in the Midlands. A site away from the city centre was required to keep the work

For the councils it was stated that the project would upset their green-belt scheme. They were supported by Balsall Parish Council and by a local landowner.

The Ministry's decision will announced later.

ments to co-operate with two shipping companies which provide a general cargo

The new company's headquarters are at Ulster House, Donegal Quay, Belfast. and their Liverpool agents are Coast Lines, Ltd., Reliance House, Water Street.

#### BEDFORDS AT AMSTERDAM SHOW

SEVEN Bedfords will be exhibited by the makers at the Amsterdam Show opening next Friday. All will be shown in chassis-cab form. They comprise a C-type 10-12-cwt., a normal-control petrol-engined 3-tonner, 4-, 6- and 7-ton normal-control oil-engined models (one of the 7-tonners having the Leyland O.350 oil engine) and an oil-engined coach chassis with two-speed axle.

In addition, a three-way tipper on an oil-engined long-wheelbase normal-control 7-ton chassis will be shown by the bodybuilding concern, B.A.V.O.

#### SCARBOROUGH COACH STATION

INSTRUCTIONS for the provision of a coach passenger reception station on land at the rear of James Street and William Street have been given by Scarborough Finance Committee. The scheme will be operated experimentally during the coming season.

Coaches will drop their passengers at the station on arrival in the morning and collect them in the evening. During the day, the vehicles will be dispersed to coach parks in other parts of the town. Express coaches will continue to use the Valley Road park.

#### DRY-CLEANING SERVICE FOR BUS **PASSENGERS**

SMITHFIELD bus station, Belfast, is to be the scene of a sales experiment in which a dry-cleaning establishment comes to the customer. An automatic garment " receptor " has been installed in the arrival bay.

Passengers are invited to bring soiled clothing, place it in a cellophane bag and deposit it in the container. On the ticket which the customer completes is printed the address of the nearest branch for collection

#### COMPANY WIN OVER FARES

OMPULSORY fare increases for excursions, which were proposed by the West Midland Traffic Commissioners, have been successfully opposed by Hazeldine Hire Services, Bilston (The Commercial Motor, December 12). In a reserved decision, the Commissioners have decided not to increase the charges on services where Hazeldine's have no competitors. On other routes, fares will be brought into line.

The company did not oppose increases where they had common routes with other operators, but claimed that there were no grounds for higher charges for angling trips and other excursions which they alone ran.

#### C and D Lorries for Fish Loads Sought

AN application by Charles Alexander and Partners (Transport), Ltd., Aberdeen, to extend the conditions of four B-licence vehicles, was heard by Mr. W. F. Quin, Scottish Licensing Authority. at Glasgow on Monday. The company wanted the licence to cover deliveries of fish from insulated trunk vehicles, the collection and delivery of general goods, and the collection of empty fish boxes, all within 10 miles of Glasgow.

On their behalf, Mr. A. Connochie said the application followed requests by merchants at Glasgow Fish market. They wanted their fish from Aberdeen delivered in insulated containers, thus ensuring transport at an even temperature.

Mr. A. McDicken, president of the Glasgow Fish Salesmen Association, said in evidence that Glasgow merchants wanted the same facilities as were available elsewhere but, owing to congestion at the Glasgow market, it would be preferable to transfer loads to delivery vehicles outside the market area.

For the objectors, British Railways, Mr. W. Howittt pointed out that the railways operated insulated services. Mr. McDicken said he had used them, but the rate from Elgin to Glasgow was £22, as against under £6 from Aberdeen to Glasgow charged by Alexander's.

Mr. Charles Alexander, the company's managing director, said there was a demand for the proposed facilities. the application were granted they would switch entirely to insulated delivery. He had not requested hiring facilities from Glasgow hauliers because the traffic was specialized, and there had been no objection by local hauliers.

A point to be considered, he said, was the unsuitability of insulated container vehicles for fast unloading within the fish market, where "free for all" conditions prevailed.

Mr. Quin said there could be a case for the fish-trade part of the application, but the other aspects would have to be considered.

EIGHT-DAY TOURS BY SALOPIA THE following eight-day tours will be

I run this year by Salopia Saloon Coaches, Ltd., Whitchurch, Salop:— English Lakes and Scotland, £24 3s.; Central and South Wales coast, £19 8s. 6d.; Western Highlands, £20 9s. 6.

(£19 8s. 6d., May and October); Northern Highlands and Loch Ness, £23 2s.; Bournemouth, £18 7s. 6d. (£17 17s., May and October): Torquay, South Devon and Cornwall, £17 17s. (£17 6s. 6d., Easter, May and October); Brighton, £18 7s. 6d.; North Devon and Cornwall, £18 18s. (£18 7s. 6d., May and October): Scarborough, Yorkshire coast and moors, £18 7s. 6d.

BUS DEPOT PLANNED

A SITE for a new our standard Hartle-SITE for a new bus station and depot pool Transport Committee. The new building will occupy land bounded by Church Street, Adelaide Street, Lynn Street and George Street.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FORTHELDRIDGE AND February 6-14—Amsterdam Show.
March 20.—Institute of Transport Annual Dinner,
Durchester Hotel, London, W.T.
May 12-13.—National Association of Furniture
Warehousemen and Removers' Conference, East-

May 12-14.—Public Transport Association Con-

May 14.—British Association of Overseas Furni-rer Removes' Conference, Eastbourne.
May 24-39.—International Union of Public ransport Congress, Paris.
June 9-12.—Public Cleansing Conference.

on. 16-25. — Institute of Transport Visit to

June 10-23

July 7-16. — Royal Show, Oxford.

September 17-27. — Frankfurt Show.

September 21-25. — Municipal Passenger Transport sociation Conference, Edinburgh.

October 26-28. — Road Haulage Association Commenced to the Conference Confere

ce, Bournemouth. October 27-30,—Dairy Show, Olympia. London.

#### Another Warning on Rest Periods

THE importance of strict adherence to the regulations about lorry-drivers' rest periods was emphasized by Mr. M. P. Pugh when he prosecuted a haulage company and two of their drivers at Stourbridge last week. The Hadcroft Transport Co., Ltd., admitted seven cases of allowing men to drive more than 11 hours in 24 and were fined £7 on each one. A similar fine was imposed for not ensuring that one of the drivers kept current records.

Mr. Pugh, for the Ministry Transport, said the regulations were aimed at protecting the public from the risks that arose when drivers were suffering from exhaustion. In this case there had been extreme laxity by the company where supervision concerned.

N Carless, defending, Hadcroft Transport had a good record, apart from a few minor offences. company had been slack through relying too much on their employees, although there could be no suggestion that the two drivers had "cooked" the record sheets. Drivers had now been threatened with dismissal should any further cases arise.

The drivers were each fined a total of £20. Hadcroft Transport were ordered to witnesses' fees of £1 and an advocate's fee of £10 10s.

NEW TRANSPORT COMPANIES

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A. D. Wood Removals, Ltd. Cap. £100. Dir.:
J. Kenrick, Endsleish, Proplyrs Close, Insateone. Sec.: R. F. J. Partuidae. Res. office:
Junction Road, Romford, Essex. Ltd. Cap.
Logoger Organ Car Transporters, Ltd. Cap.
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Land M. Mickelborough, Ltd. Cap. £1.000.
Rivs. E. A. Mickelborough, 101 Maxey Road,
ondon, S.E. IS, and A. B. Mickelborough, 55
waniey Road, Welling, Kent. Sec.: Mrs. V. E.
mall. Res. office: 101 Maxey Road, London,
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E.IN. Cap. £500. Dirs.: Brown and E. J. Brown, 14 Richmond House, on Terrace, Portsea, Portsmouth. Sec.: E. J. rown. Reg. office: 14 Richmond House, Lion ion

Terrace, Portsea. Lightfoot Bross. Ltd. Cap. £1,000. Dirs.: A Lightfoot, 17 Hawthorn Road, Huyton with Roby Lanes, and B. Lightfoot, 17 Strewsbury Road Birkenhead. Sec.: A. Lightfoot, Reg. office: If

Birkenhead, Sec.; A. Lightfoot, Reg. office: 18 Union Street, Liverpool, 3.

Elgo Plant Hire, Ltd. Cap. £1,000. Dirs.; C. Ogle, Old Budget Gate, Marine Drive, Rhos on Sea, J. D. Stewart. 15 Grangeway, Handforth, Wilmslow, and J. Smith. Sec.: J. D. Stewart. Reg. office: Estate Office, 45 Woodlands Drive, Offerton, Stockport.

#### "Weight Changes Harm Other Hauliers"

HAULIER who operates a lorry A heavier than the weight stipulated on his licence is not doing justice to other people in the industry who keep to the weights originally granted. This was stated last week by the Northern Licensing Authority, Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, when J. Stamper and Co. (Haulage), Ltd., Penrith, admitted that a special A licence they held detailed a vehicle of 5 tons 4 cwt. 82 lb., whereas the lorry being operated actually weighed 7 tons 18 cwt.

Stamper's wanted to exchange the special A for an A licence. Their managing director, Mr. John Stamper, said that when the vehicle was bought from a Newcastle upon Tyne dealer it was a sixwheeler, and was operated as such for three or four months. In October, 1956, it was modified at Newcastle, returning to the road as an eight-wheeler capable of carrying 16 tons. Previously the payload had been 12 tons. It was not disputed that the extra Excise duty had been

Answering Mr. Hanlon, he said he was one of the many hauliers who believed that an increase in unladen weight did not have to be declared to the Authority provided it was due to a body modification, or to a change of engine from petrol to oiler. He thought notification could be given on renewal

Mr. Hanlon said this meant that any haulier could acquire a six-wheeler and then convert it to another weight. People who had done this could not be said to be doing justice to other hauliers who kept their vehicles at the correct weight.

He adjourned the hearing for the company to produce accounts, together with paid cheques for the purchase and modification of the vehicle, and a manufacstatement about its original unladen weight.

#### SEASIDE EXCURSION OPERATORS FINED

FOR OR picking up passengers at unauthorized points and cutting the time of their journeys between Lancashire and Devon, Stretford Motors, Ltd., Stretford, Manchester, were fined a total of £152 at Manchester last week. They were fined £20 on each of six charges of using unauthorized points, and £2 each on the 16 charges concerning journey times.

Mr. D. J. Turner, prosecuting for the North Western Traffic Commissioners, said journeys to Ilfracombe and Torquay had been completed in a day when, to conform to the licences, the trip should have taken two days. Passengers were also alleged to have boarded vehicles at places not specified on the licences.

Mr. E. A. Whitehead, defending, said that when the present owners acquired the business, a leaflet was in circulation describing a one-day journey to Torquay, and this did not seem unusual. Now they were having difficulty in persuading some of the more popular south coast hotels to accept four-day bookings.

### New Rules for Drivers' Contest: Dates of Rounds Fixed

NEW regulations for the Lorry Driver of the Year Competition were approved by the executive committee in Coventry on Tuesday. They are based on the earlier rules, but contain a number of detail improvements.

Eliminating rounds are to be held this year at Weymouth (April 18), Manchester (May 3), Birmingham (May 24), Coventry (June 7), Leeds (June 21), Portsmouth (July 4), Slough (July 12), Oxford (July 19), Southend and Plymouth. Details of the Southend and Plymouth events have not yet been fixed. The final will be held at Baginton on September 20.

It is likely also that a round will be held at Stoke-on-Trent. Competitors from York, who last year took part in an unofficial contest organized by the Road Haulage Association, will enrol at Leeds. Interest is being shown in the competition also at Scunthorpe, Edinburgh (where a heat of the Scottish Commercial Vehicle Driver of the Year Competition is due to be held) and Finchley, but they are unlikely to sponsor events this year. Only two more eliminating centres can be accepted for 1959.

Only the winning driver in each class will be eligible to take part in the final. If there is only one competitor in a class he may pass to the final after completing all tests without disqualification.

All the manœuvring tests to be undertaken in eliminating rounds will be laid down by the national organizing committee and will be timed only to determine ties. Assistance from spectators is now one of the grounds on which a driver can be disqualified. Disqualification in any part of the competition will entail retirement from the event.

Drivers may be examined on the Motorway Code as well as the Highway Code. Questions will be set locally. There will be five questions and up to 10 marks will be lost for each incorrect answer.

Classification of vehicles remains unchanged, but the definition of the

articulated categories has been tidied up. Class F(1) is for outfits with semi-trailers under 22 ft. and tractors under 3 tons unladen; Class F(2), semi-trailers 22-27 ft. long and tractors under 3 tons. Class G, tractors over 3 tons. Service drivers, including territorials, may compete in the Queen Mary class.

Any commercial vehicle operating under A, B or C licence may be entered, but special overhaul or modification for the event will entail disqualification.

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There will be not fewer than five observed points on the road route. Up to 30 points will be deducted out of a maximum of 150 for each breach of the Highway Code or for poor driving technique. Any driver who leaves the road will lose the maximum marks applicable to the check-point concerned.

Penalties in the maneuvring tests will be two marks for each inch away from any barrier, kerb or other measuring point. Time taken on each test will be rated at ‡ point per second.

per second.

Twenty points will be lost for touching an obstacle or kerb, and 40 points for mounting, overriding or displacing a kerb. For failing to complete a test correctly (for instance, by making it impossible to time or measure the performance accurately) the negative will be 100 marks.

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In the event of a protest to the stewards (to be made within 15 minutes after the announcement of the provisional results) all marshals, timekeepers and line judges will be considered to be judges of fact and no protest will be entertained against their decisions.

decisions. Efforts are being made to prevent the multiplication of awards to individuals. In the final run-off, the first three drivers will receive £50, £30 and £20, respectively, but their £10 cash award as class champions will be transferred to their runners-up. They will also receive trophies.

### Fleet Normal User Change Granted

THE application by James Paterson and Co. (Motor Hirers), Ltd., Aberdeen, for a change in the normal user of their 24-vehicle fleet, was continued at Aberdeen last week (The Commercial Motor, January 23). Instead of local work, they wanted to deliver general goods throughout Scotland, with occasional runs to England.

Mr. A. Robb, an accountant with the company, said that although they wanted this change of user, there had been no material departure from the existing one —70 per cent. general goods within 10 miles; and 20 per cent. within 20 miles. In the year ended September 30, 1958, 78 per cent. of the tonnage was within 10 miles and 16 per cent. within 25 miles.

Mr. Charles Alexander, a director, admitted under cross-examination by Mr. R. R. Taylor, for British Railways, that an eight-wheeler granted in January, 1955, for carrying fish to markets in the south had not carried fish for some years.

and was now hauling whisky to London. He said the railways had taken away his fish traffic, but he did not agree that the licence should have been surrendered.

The application was granted after the railways had offered to withdraw their objection provided the proposed user was changed to: "General merchandise in the counties of Aberdeen, Kincardine, Angus, Perth. Banff, Moray, Nairn and Inverness." The company agreed to the amendment

NEW VEHICLES AT DUTCH SHOW

A MONG the British exhibits at the R.A.I. Show, which opens in Amsterdam next Friday, is a new version of the Albion Riever six-wheeler with a normal-control tipper chassis layout, and a left-hand-drive Leyland Super Comet four-wheeler. Scammell Scarab 3-ton and 6-ton mechanical horse models will also be exhibited—their first showing in Holland.

## "30-40% of Records are False"

AN appeal to C-licensees to help to stamp out "the cancer of falsification of records" was made on Monday by Mr. R. A. Devenish, chief enforcement officer for the West-Midland Area.

"On average, between 30 and 40 per cent, of drivers' log sheets are false as far as long-distance drivers are concerned," he told the Birmingham Area of the Traders' Road Transport Association.

The courts were taking a much more serious view of offences against regulations concerning records and hours. In the more flagrant cases, the Ministry had preferred charges under the Perjury Act, and imprisonment could be imposed.

Mr. Leonard Patrick, T.R.T.A. West Midland divisional secretary, afterwards expressed surprise at the high proportion of falsifications. "From my experience of the large number of summonses recently, drivers have not followed their employers' instructions," he said.

A.C.V. HOPE FOR BETTER YEAR

"IN recent months there has been an improvement in our trading prospects, and the benefits of our rationalization and reorganization of the group should bear fruit during the current year." This was stated on Tuesday by Lord Brabazon, chairman of Associated Commercial Vehicles, Ltd.

At home, he said, passenger-vehicle operators had found their replacement requirements affected by the changing habits of the travelling public. After referring to the increasing use of small cars and scooters, Lord Brabazon stated that the demand for buses in this country might be past its peak, but the company were confident that with their range of new vehicles they could maintain or increase their share of the market.

Purchase tax retarded expansion of home sales of goods vehicles. In spite of fierce competition abroad, sales had been maintained, although profit margins had to be cut.

"ANYWHERE" TICKETS STAY

THE "Day Anywhere" tickets which were introduced experimentally last May by the Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Co., Ltd., are to become permanent. There were 57 objectors when the West Midland Traffic Commissioners allowed the experiment, but when the renewal was sought the company faced no opposition.

Mr. W. P. James, chairman, said the Commissioners had no hesitation in making the grant.

HEATED FLYOVER PLANNED

A PLAN for a flyover at Hammersmith is to be considered by London County Council next Tuesday. About half a mile of road will be carried 16 ft. 6 in. above ground, linking the new Cromwell Road extension with Great Church Lane and passing over Hammersmith Bridge Road. Electric heating will be installed in the approach ramps to prevent icing.

### Haulier Pin-points Fault in Forms

A FAULT in the application forms which are issued to hauliers seeking additional vehicles was shown up by an operator who conducted his own case before the Northern Licensing Authority, Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, on Tuesday.

Figures put forward by the haulier, Mr. T. James, Bedlington Station, had been criticized by the objectors, British Railways. But Mr. James pointed out that on the application form it was not stated that figures for different types of licence had to be separated.

Mr. Hanlon said it was the first time the matter had been raised, but Mr. James was correct, and it would appear that the forms needed amending. However, the Transport Tribunal had emphasized many times the necessity for figures to be broken down.

In evidence, Mr. James said he operated nine vehicles, three on A licence, one on contract-A, and five on B licence. The whole fleet was included in the figures. An additional vehicle was required to carry coal from stocking grounds to screens, etc. New work included 150 tons a day from Choppington to the Co-operative Wholesale Society at Newcastle.

Mr. G. P. Crowe, for the railways, submitted that the figures were not certified and neither they nor a supporting letter from the National Coal Board justified any grant.

Although substantial hiring figures and an increase in business since 1956 were shown, it was impossible to compare them or separate the coal haulage from other work. Also, three additional vehicles were added last year.

Mr. Hanlon pointed out that a business with gross receipts of nearly £80,000 a year should be conducted in such a way that certified figures and breakdowns could be produced. The application appeared genuine, but accounts must be prepared showing names of customers, hauliers hired, separate figures for the different licences, coal carrying, and other items.

A witness from the N.C.B. should also attend. A short-term licence would be granted limited to carrying from the fields to screens.

### CHASSIS DRIVERS WANT "COLD" MONEY

DRIVERS delivering open chassis in Birmingham and Liverpool have threatened to withdraw their labour unless employers pay compensation of 3s. 6d. per 25 miles or provide temporary cabs to give protection against the weather.

The Transport and General Workers Union are stated to have given their support to the 500 men involved. At present, the employers pay 1s. 6d. per 25 miles to delivery men, in addition to the basic rates. An offer of an extra 6d. per 25 miles has been rejected. If the present claim were met, the cost of delivering chassis from Birmingham to London would be considerably increased.

### Normal User Cannot Be "Universal"

STATEMENTS of normal user containing every possible commodity a haulier had carried or hoped to carry, and every conceivable place he had been to or might go to, could not possibly be justified. This was said by the Northern Licensing Authority, Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, at Newcastle upon Tyne, on Tuesday, when Spinks Transport Services, Ltd., Darlington, applied to add a vehicle to their A licence on the expiry of a special A licence.

Mr. S. Spinks told the Authority that the large number of destinations and commodities specified in the normal user were an amplification of that already on the A licence. The application had been framed on the advice of the Road Haulage Association.

Mr. Hanlon pointed out that the description of work was that done by the whole fleet, and was unjustifiable. The Transport Tribunal had made it clear on previous occasions that vehicles should be dealt with individually.

Mr. F. Milton, for the applicants, submitted that from a practical point of view it was impossible to work a business in such a manner. The normal user appeared to be 95 per cent. steel and other goods outward for three main customers in London and the Home Counties, continued Mr. Hanlon, with fruit and vegetables on return loads, and occasional loads to Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and elsewhere for regular customers.

Mr. Spinks agreed to amend his statement of normal user in accordance with requirements, and the application was The ½d. Comes Back in Plymouth Fares

A FARE of 5½d. is to be introduced by Plymouth Joint Transport Committee—the first time since 1953 that an odd halfpenny has been in the fare schedule Approval was given by the Western Traffic Commissioners on Tuesday after they had heard that a deficit of £14,000 was expected on this year's working, which would become £35,000 in 1959-60.

Mr. H. R. Haydon, Plymouth's deputy town clerk, said that in the area worked jointly by the corporation and the Western and Southern National Omnibus Companies, £49,350 extra revenue was needed in a normal year to meet higher costs. Of this, the corporation required £39.480

In evidence, the corporation's general manager, Mr. J. R. Timpson, recalled that when the last fare increase was granted it was estimated that a surplus of about £17,000 would result. However, losses had arisen through passenger resistance and the decline in traffic for other reasons, and the estimated surplus had been absorbed.

Economy measures enabled them to carry on, but the wage awards changed the situation. Operating costs were now 33,92d. per mile, against revenue of 32,30d. on the joint services. By increasing 5d. fares to 5½d, the income would become 34,05d., resulting in a surplus of about £4,400.

Announcing the Commissioners' decision, Mr. S. W. Nelson, chairman, said they could not agree to round off children's fares by lowering the concession they already enjoyed. The half-fare for a 5½d, journey would have to be 3d. [Other fares news on page 899.]

### Tractor Substitution Appeal Fails

A DECISION by the Northern Licensing Authority to allow Sunter Bros., Northallerton, to operate an 18-ton tractor on A licence instead of a 12-tonner, was upheld by the Transport Tribunal in London on Tuesday. The grant had been challenged by the British Transport Commission and Robert Wynn and Sons, Ltd., Newport, Mon, but Mr. Hubert Hull, president, said it was a reasonable substitution.

Mr. J. L. R. Croft, for the B.T.C., submitted that to grant the heavier tractor increased Sunter's carrying capacity, which meant a complete change in the nature of their business. The application was granted though no customer evidence was called in support of it.

### Few Loads Over 50 Tons

He recalled that last January Sunter's were granted a licence for an additional tractor of an unladen weight of 12 tons to help them in the haulage of abnormal loads. The number of loads they carried which were over 50 tons was comparatively small. The real object of the application for the 12-ton tractor was to increase their carrying capacity.

Sunter's had stated that in carrying

loads of 60 tons and over it was essential for the trailer to be drawn by two tractors in the interests of public safety, particularly in hilly districts. But the extra tractor was, in fact, required for "double heading" and maintenance purposes. Subsequently, they decided it would be better to have a tractor of 18 tons, and their application for this was granted in July.

Mr. N. R. Wynn, for Robert Wynn and Sons, maintained that no evidence of need for the heavier tractor was put forward.

For Sunter's, Mr. T. H. Campbell Wardlaw said the evidence showed a categorical denial that the heavier tractor would increase their haulage capacity. They had heavy trailers and they should be entitled to haul them with the best type of tractor available.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr Hull said the case was similar to that of a person seeking to substitute an oil-engined lorry for a petrol-driven vehicle with the same working capacity, but with a necessarily larger unladen weight. The Tribunal accepted Mr. Sunter's statement that he was not asking for any increased capacity.

### Mr. Hanlon Advises Hauliers on Keeping their Yearly Accounts

ADVICE to hauliers on keeping accounts was given last week by Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, Northern Licensing Authority, when he heard an application by J. and W. Watt, Ltd., Carlisle. Watt's had not supplied advance copies of their figures to the objectors, the British Transport Commission, nor to Mr. Hanlon. Consequently, their case was adjourned for the figures to be studied.

Mr. Hanlon said hauliers had to keep accounts from year to year in a businesslike manner. A full working year had to be shown, so that the figures could be

certified by an accountant.

"It is no use having figures which start in May on one application and run from October to October in another," he "There must be some condeclared.

Watt's wanted to add two vehicles to their eight-vehicle B licence, covering general goods within 60 miles of Carlisle and eggs for West Cumberland farmers to and from Carlisle, Kilmarnock and Stranraer. It was stated that they already operated a further five vehicles on A licence, one on special A, and two on contract A.

Mr. J. B. Watt, a director, said one of the contract vehicles-a tipper-was used for coal, and his two other tippers. both on B licence, worked exclusively for the same coal factor. He had other important customers, carrying for the R.A.F., hospitals and factories, and he also worked for the National Coal Board.

Mr. Watt produced four letters in support, claiming that there was shortage of tippers suitable for carrying industrial coal, and added that he was unable to meet the demands made upon him. He had tried hiring, but was able to get only one vehicle locally, so now he was having to seek transport 25-35 miles from base.

Asked by Mr. Hanlon why the figures had not been put in earlier, Mr. said he wanted them to be up to date. Mr. Hanlon: "But they are no later

than October."

Mr. Watt: "I think that is bringing them up to a reasonable time."

Mr. T. H. Campbell Wardlaw, for Watt's, submitted that the number of times people distributed figures in advance was small.

However, a request for an adjournment was put in by Mr. F. J. McHugh, for the B.T.C., and Mr. Hanlon agreed.

### "STANDING" FEUD GROWING

IF, as is likely, the provincial bus companies join with the municipal employers in rejecting the unions' demand for the prohibition of standing passengers, the unions will ask Mr. Harold Watkinson, Minister of Transport, to amend the permissive regulation which enables a maximum of eight passengers to be carried standing at certain periods. If the Minister does not concur, the unions will consider revoking their agreement with the employers.

### Not a Newcomer, Tribunal Decide

THE question of whether a person who seeks a licence for a motor vehicle in substitution for horse drawn trans-port can fairly be described as a new-comer to haulage was raised at the Transport Tribunal in London on Tuesday.

Mr. Leonard Smith, a Chelsea furniture remover and storer, appealed against the Metropolitan Licensing Authority's refusal to grant him a B licence to carry household furniture, baggage and personal effects within 50 miles. He was opposed by the British Transport Commission and Keen Transport, Ltd., Battersea.

Mr. B. E. Greene, for Mr. Smith, said he had been in business as a furniture remover in Chelsea since 1924, when he acquired a business established in 1875. The business was wholly dependent on horse drawn transport until 1952, when Mr. Smith decided it was time he switched to motor transport.

He had great difficulty in hiring, and in December, 1956, he applied for a B licence for a 3-ton lorry. This was refused, so last September he made an amended application, but again he met with a refusal. It was being unduly hard to regard Mr. Smith as a newcomer to haulage.

For the respondents, Mr. C. R.

Beddington said that as Mr. Smith had been using hired transport for the last six years, his application had to be treated as that of a newcomer who must establish need.

C. Mr. N. I. Macaskie. announced that the Tribunal had decided to allow the appeal to the extent of granting a B licence for a 2-ton vehicle with a radius of 10 miles. He pointed out that Mr. Smith was not in the true sense a newcomer to haulage.

### BUDGET RELIEF FOR RURAL BUSES?

RURAL M.P.s are hoping that Government help for country bus services will be announced in the Budget. Heathcoat Amory, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has given them good grounds for this belief in a letter to Mr. Rupert Speir, says our Parliamentary correspondent. Mr. Amory reveals that he is giving the problem of rural transport most serious consideration," adding that rural transport is "a problem with which I am only too familiar in my own part of Devon.

There is evidence that for weeks now the Chancellor has been going quietly into the whole of the case of rural transport and its difficulties through high costs.

MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITIES

Oldham Corporation require a prison van.

Carlisle Corporation are to buy a refuse collector.

Prestwich Corporation are advised to obtain a

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Harrogate Corporation are recommended to brain two S.D. freighters.

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Oxford City Council are, buy a Morris-Eagle tonner from Morris Garages, Ltd.

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London Corporation are to buy three Scammell carab mechanical horses and an Engle-Paladin

Scarab mechanical horses and an Eagle-Paladin semi-trailer.

Suffolk and Ipswich Fire Authority are to purchase a Commer water tender, three Bedford Workabus vehicles and a Bedford 10-12-cwt. van. Torquay Highways. Committee recommend that five Thames 3-tonners and a Thames 10-12-cwt. van be acquired from Mid-Devon Garage, Ltd., the waterworks committee advise that Phil Read, Ltd., supply a Morris 10-cwt. van.

Sheffield Health Committee wish to buy a Morris LD2 ambulance from Kenninas, Ltd., an Austin ambulance from Freeman Oakes and Co., Ltd., a similar type from Messrs. Bookless Bros., and Dennis AV4 ambulance from Groocock and Cooper, Ltd.

### C-licensees' Freedom in Danger

there were renationalization, the British Transport Commission would be unlikely to allow C-licensees to continue to operate without some form of restriction. The B.T.C. could argue that it would be impossible to operate planned transport system successfully while over a million vehicles uncontrolled

This was said by Mr. G. Duncan Jewell, of The Commercial Motor, when he addressed the Newcastle upon Tyne and District Graduate and Student Society of the Institute of Transport on Tuesday on the economics of ancillary operation

The ideal solution to the problem of the sharing of traffic between public and ancillary carriers lay in extending co-operation between traders and hauliers, so that each dealt with the traffic most suited to their particular circumstances and eliminated those vehicles

which did not pay their way.

The alternative might be some form of restriction either according to vehicle weight, distance of operation, or type of traffic. Applicants for C licences might be required to justify their claims at public inquiries.

ONE-MAN BUS ORDER
TEN single-deck bus bodies, built to their own specification for one-man operation, are to be ordered by Portsmouth Transport Committee. The chassis have already been ordered, and the complete vehicles are expected to cost £4,556

### Chassis Tax Likely to be Retained

THERE seems to be little likelihood that purchase tax will be removed from commercial-vehicle chassis before the Budget in April. A statement made in the House of Commons on Monday by Mr. Heathcoat Amory, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is widely construed to this effect.

Replying to Mr. R. Gresham Cooke (Cons., Twickenham), who asked about possible changes in purchase tax, Mr. Amory replied: "I have no statement to I must be free to consider the possibility of such changes in the context of the Budget."

### RADIO FOR BEDFORD VAN

RADIO set made to measure for the A Bedford CA 10-12-cwt, van is available from Vauxhall-Bedford dealers and is priced at £18 18s, including tax, plus £1 19s. 6d. for the aerial. It has been designed to fit between the right-hand wheel and the facia panel.

### PROFIT AND LOSS

Mann Egerton and Co., Ltd., £92,263 net profit after £133,030 tax. Year's dividends 20 per cent.

### Good Haulage Service-But Law was Broken

To give their South Wales customers a good haulage service, Jesse Smith and Sons, Blackheath, Staffs, kept one of their vehicles on the road round the clock. it was stated at Old Hill (Staffs) Magistrates' Court last week. Two of the concern's drivers admitted working without 10 consecutive hours' rest in 24 and were each given an absolute discharge on payment of 4s. costs.

Their employers were fined a total of £5 5s., with £4 9s. costs, for permitting the offences. Mr. F. Grove, defending, pointed out that there was no question of the drivers suffering from fatigue. They did their driving at the start of the day and had 24 hours' rest after completing their journeys and unloading.

### B Licence Grant for Hauling Tractor

A LIME-SPREADING contractor and hay and straw merchant told the Northern Licensing Authority, Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, last week, that one of his biggest problems was transporting a Caterpillar tractor to tow his lime-spreaders. Mr. I. C. Jobson, Water-millock, Penrith, said that at present he had to haul it with an agricultural tractor, but this was a slow process.

He wanted to use a lorry for the job, and required three vehicles on B licence in place of his contract A vehicles. The application, opposed by British Railways, was successful

Mr. Jobson explained that he carried lime in the north for the Capitol Lime Company, and collected basic slag from Middlesbrough. Answering Mr. F. J. McHugh, for the railways, he said one Belicence vehicle would be neither practicable nor economical. Although the vehicles would carry the tractor, they would be needed for other haulage work.

The licence was granted, restricted to collections as required for Capitol Lime, with delivery within 45 miles.

### Central Control for Roads and Cleansing in London Proposed

PROPOSALS for centralizing the administration of highways and the organization of refuse collection and disposal in London have been made to the Royal Commission on Local Government in Greater London by the Ministries concerned. "The traffic problems of 1959 are being dealt with through an administrative machine geared to the tempo and problems of the 1920s," the Ministry Transport have stated, whilst the Ministry of Housing and Local Government have submitted that the pattern of the organization of cleansing services has remained substantially unchanged since last century.

On the subject of road traffic, the Ministry of Transport have pointed out that the multiplicity of authorities con-cerned and the fragmentation of responsibility for traffic control made it "impossible" to deal efficiently with present-day difficulties. If the main roads of London were to match those of the rest of the country (which might eventually involve the building of urban motorways), the administration must be based upon highway authorities of adequate size and with appropriate powers.

Under the proposed new set-up, some authorities would lose their highway powers to new authorities of more suitable size. This would apply not only to small authorities but the London and Middlesex County Councils. These corporations carried extensive highway responsibilities but were larger than was desirable for a "single-tier" highway authority responsible for the maintenance of all roads in its area as well as for major improvements and new con-

Advocating the rationalization of cleansing facilities, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government stated that the routes at present taken by vehicles from each of the metropolitan boroughs entailed much overlapping and criss-crossing. It was significant that the costs of refuse disposal in London were in general higher than elsewhere. The average net cost per ton was 19s. 5d. for metropolitan boroughs compared with 2s. 8d.-4s. 6d. for other authorities.

### PNEUMO-CYCLIC PLATE CHANGE

SINTERED-BRONZE outer clutch plates for the top-gear operation of the fully automatic four-speed and semiautomatic five-speed Pneumo-Cyclic gearboxes are to be introduced as standard fitments by Leyland Motors, Ltd. The new plates are interchangeable with the standard centrifugally cast aluminium-bronze types.

### Micrograms . .

Cardiff Office: J. and H. Transport (Peckham), Ltd., are to open an office at 3 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff, on February 1.

Service Weeks: A programme of show and service weeks from February 16-April 24 has been arranged for Standard distributors.

"Ben" Meeting: The London Centre of the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund will hold its annual meeting at 15 Fitzhardinge Street, London, W.1, on February 13.

Atlanteans for Newcastle: Two Leyland Atlantean buses with electrically actuated doors are to be operated experimentally by Newcastle upon Tyne Transport Depart-

Dearer Derv: The Shell-Mex and B.P. and Power Petroleum companies on Tuesday put up the price of derv by 1d. a gallon. Later National Benzole announced a similar increase.

French Bus Exports: The French company Société des Usines Chausson, have exported 85 buses to Poland and seven to Rumania. They have in hand orders from Spain, Peru, Poland, Yugoslavia and Rumania.

Record Suggestions: Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., last year paid £14,446 10s. for 1,205 successful suggestions—more than twice the amount paid in 1957. This is the highest figure since the scheme has started, in 1942.

More Titans for Calcutta: West Bengal State Transport, who already operate more than 400 Leyland buses in Calcutta, have ordered 40 Leyland Titan double-decker chassis. The latest additions to the fleet will be PD2.40 models. 8 ft. wide and 27 ft. long.

New Trailer Factory: C. P. Witter, Ltd., trailer manufacturers, are having a new factory built on a site at Canal Side, Chester.

Head Office Move: The National Benzole Co., Ltd., will move their head office next Monday to Mercury House, 195 Knights-bridge, London, S.W.7.

N.E.A.V.B. Conference: The National Employers Association of Vehicle Builders are to hold their annual conference at Bournemouth from June 8-11.

Italian Tyres in India: A factory with an ultimate output of 1,000 tons of tyres a month is being built near Bombay by the Italian C.E.A.T. Rubber Co.

Telehoist in Manchester: A sales, fitting, service and repair depot has been opened at Upper Brook Street, Manchester, 13, by Telehoist, Ltd. Mr. R. D. Riley is branch

Motorway on Film: A 20-minute colour film of progress on the southern section of the London-Yorkshire Motorway has been produced by the contractors, John Laing and Sons, Ltd., and is available from them on

Soviet Output: The U.S.S.R. made 194,000 goods vehicles and motorbuses and 240 trolleybuses in the first half of 1958, slightly more than in the first six months of 1957. Tyre output from January-June last year totalled 7.1m., a rise of 15 per cent.

Limited Stop: Birmingham Corporation are introducing a limited-stop bus service between James Watt Street and Glebe Farm Estate, to run at a frequency of five to six minutes. Another service caters for short-distance passengers on the route.

### Private-party Operator Seeks to Run Tour: Strongly Opposed

A PROPOSED seven-day tour from Leeds to Ramsgate, to be operated by Tetley's Motor Services, Leeds, was strongly opposed when it came before the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners last week. Tetley's wanted to operate three times a month in May, June and September, and once in August.

Objectors were British Railways, Happiway Tours (Manchester), Ltd., Shearing's Tours, Ltd., Heap's Tours, Ltd., Wallace Arnold Tours, Ltd., Feather Bros. (Tours),

Ltd., and West Yorkshire Road Car Co., Ltd. (on behalf of the Yorkshire Pool).

Mr. J. Evans, for Tetley's, said the tours were designed for elderly people, and would cost under £10. There would be two fantail excursions, one to Margate by the East Kent Road Car Co., Ltd., and one to Canterbury by Tetley's. At present they had no road service licence, but they ran three coaches and last year they operated the tour as a private party. They intended to do the same this year.

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Answering Mr. H. Backhouse, for Happiways, Mr. William Tetley admitted that he wanted to get into the extended tour field and had applied for Margate because he believed there was no road service from Leeds. He said he did not know that Happiways had a feeder service from Bradford to join their Ramsgate tour at Manchester.

Cross-examined by Mr. F. Marshall, for Wallace Arnold and Feather Bros., he explained that the inclusive charge would be £9 18s. 6d., which would be enough to make the trips pay. He denied that such a fare would be uneconomical.

He told Mr. J. H. Robinson, a Shearing director, that he did not realize they had a feeder service from Leeds to Manchester, or that if a recent application by Shearing's were granted people would be able to reach Margate. Mr. Tetley added that he could fill all his coaches without advertising. It was rapidly increasing new traffic, so no other operator would be affected.

A Mr. W. Turner, describing how he collected names for last year's private party, said it was a great inconvenience for elderly people to go to Ramsgate by rail as they had to cross London to change trains. Answering Mr. T. B. Atkinson, for the railways, he agreed that this also applied to elderly people living in North London, for instance.

The hearing was adjourned until February 17.

### LITTLE ON TRANSPORT AT CLEANSING CONFERENCE

APART from the demonstration of vehicles and earth-moving equipment, and a paper on dustless refuse collection by Mr. R. F. Millard, deputy director of public cleansing, St. Marylebone, there will be little of transport interest at the Institute of Public Cleansing's conference at Brighton from June 9-12. Vehicles will be on view on June 10 and earth-moving equipment on June 11.

During the proceedings there will be papers on the disposal of radio-active solid wastes, publicity (with special reference to litter), smokeless zones, mechanized composting in Jersey, and on personnel.

One of the new Albion Claymore vans for the parcels organization of Cusick Transport (Southern), Ltd.



### Corner Cab Doors on New Parcels Vans

A NEW fleet of Albion Claymore underfloor-engined parcels vans is being delivered to Cusick Transport (Southern), Ltd., Parkstone, Dorset, by Barrett's of Pendleton, Bazaar Street, Pendleton, Manchester.

The most noticeable feature is the absence of a door on the off side of the cab. The driver enters through a jack-knife door across the near-side front quarter of the cab, which has a low step. The usual passenger seat on the near side is replaced by a flat shelf for small parcels. The cab roof is sufficiently high to allow the driver to stand upright to sort the parcels.

The van body, which is separate from the cab, has a translucent glass-fibre roof. No skirt panels are fitted, to facilitate access to the underfloor engine.

[The company's documentation system for parcels was fully described and illustrated in *The Commercial Motor* on April 25, 1958.]

### LEAGUE OF SAFE DRIVERS

FOURTEEN drivers of heavy vehicles operated by Gallaher, Ltd., London, S.W.6, will take the preliminary and advanced tests for membership of the Finchley League of Safe Drivers on January 31. The League is organized by Finchley Road Safety Committee and the heavy-vehicle section was started at the end of last year at the request of a driver.

### BY-PASS DAMAGE INQUIRY

AN urgent detailed investigation into damage to Preston by-pass is being made on the instructions of Mr. Harold Watkinson, Minister of Transport. The road has been closed because of damage by water and frost. Mr. Watkinson has asked Lancashire County Council to re-open the road as soon as possible.

### AIR-SPRUNG IKARUS

A PROTOTYPE rear-engined 37-seat Ikarus coach will be exhibited at the 1959 Budapest Industrial Fair. Designated the Ikarus 303, it has air-suspension and is claimed to cruise at 55 m.p.h.

### Black Outlook for Hull Transport

WITH an estimated deficit of £13,117 for the year ending March 31, Hull Corporation's transport undertaking faced a black outlook unless there was a complete reappraisal of the city's services, said Cllr. D. N. Bancroft at a meeting of the transport committee last week.

The actual loss for the current year was stated to be £940, but a previous deficit of £12,177 had to be added to this sum. Mr. G. E. Atkinson, deputy city treasurer, said next year's deficit would probably be £118,380. The figures, however, did not take account of possible fare revisions which might reduce the loss to £28,497.

Mr. G. H. Pulfrey, general manager, said that although the figures looked high, large estimates had been made for increases in wages and the cost of materials which might not be needed.

### LEYLAND ENGINE IN T.V.W. CHASSIS

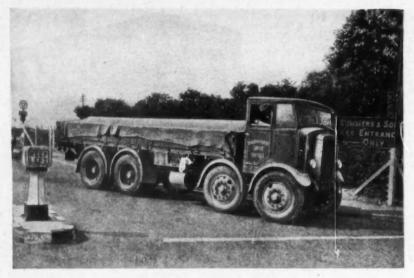
A SIX-WHEELED 20-ton-gross chassis powered by a Leyland 0.375 oil engine, driving through a Leyland-Albion six-speed overdrive-top gearbox has been completed by Transport Vehicles (Warrington), Ltd., John Street, Warrington.

The chassis has been built to a specific order and will be equipped with a Bowyer cab. Vacuum-hydraulic brakes are employed, although air-hydraulic braking can be supplied. The final-drive ratio is 8.25 to 1. The general chassis specification follows that of the six-wheeler described in *The Commercial Motor* on August 29, 1958.

### BROWN BROTHERS EXPAND

NEW premises have been opened by Brown Brothers, Ltd., at Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton. Comprising three floors and a basement, with a floor area of about 33,000 sq. ft., the building incorporates the tyre fitting and service department, transferred from St. Mary Street.

Each floor is devoted to particular sections of the company's trade, and separate buying counters are provided. Oils and bulk stocks are housed in the basement.



One of the older Leylands run by Sealand District Transport starts a journey from the Summers plant.

absorbed by Sealand Transport when the change occurred.

Nowadays, Sealand Transport have an outside fleet of 85 C-licensed vehicles, all eightwheelers except for one Bedford 6-tonner. Mr. G. K. Tatterson, who has been transport manager for the past 10 years, divides them into six groups of 13 vehicles, with the remainder kept in reserve. Four groups are employed on day work and two on the trunk routes, with each of the six groups alternating between the two types of operation.

John Summers' plant is in full production 24 hours a day

Y and night a continuous stream of heavy vehicles leaves the 75-acre plant of John Summers and Sons, Ltd., Hawarden Bridge, Shotton, carrying steel sheets to all parts of the country. Shipments average between 16,000 and 17,000 tons a week, and to meet everincreasing competition it is essential that door-to-door deliveries are made from Shotton to the customer. Therefore, firm control of the company's transport is vital.

They decided to operate their own vehicles in the 1930s, forming a subsidiary, Sealand District Transport, Ltd., to do the work. First purchases were Bedfords-larger vehicles could not get into

Door-to-door is Essential

G. Duncan Jewell



the works because of a low bridge-and by 1936, 12 articulated outfits were being operated. It was soon evident, however, that loads of 12 tons and over were beyond these units. Another point was that articulation was unsatisfactory for the conveyance of heavy loads of steel.

The way became clear for improvements in 1937 when the bridge problem was removed, and Sealand Transport made a complete changeover to Leyland eight-wheelers. Because they were built locally, which meant good servicing facilities, it was decided to standardize with these vehicles, and another 25 were added to the fleet within the next two years.

trapdoors closed. A Leyland

Comet tractor is employed.

An important development took place in 1955 when two companies inter-connected with John Summers-the Wolverhampton Corrugated Iron Co., Ltd., and British Coated Sheets, Ltd.-moved to Hawarden Bridge. They had 21 Leylands and four Bedfords operated by a subsidiary, Great Northern Transport, Ltd., which were

from 6 a.m. on Sunday until noon the following Saturday. On Sunday nights one group of trunk vehicles bound for Luton and the London area leaves the works after being loaded in late afternoon. Another group makes the same journey the following night, and in both cases shunt drivers take over at Oxford and Dunstable.

Meanwhile, the day groups operate over an 80-mile radius, mainly travelling to the Midlands, although export steel is also carried in large quantities to Liverpool, Birkenhead and Ellesmere Port. Automobile manufacturers are the major customers, but substantial deliveries are made to makers of oil drums, kitchen and office furniture, refrigerators, cookers, agricultural implements, outbuildings and many other commodities.

Sealand Transport's fleet must run as a paying concern, and Mr. Tatterson regards day work as more economical for his vehicles. As a result, most long-distance work is given to sub-contractors, except for the trunk run to Luton and London for which backloads of scrap and raw materials are available.

This means that outside hauliers carry 45-48 per cent. of John Summers' output, with Sealand Transport catering for about 1,350 tons a day. The rest—about 10 per cent.—travels by rail. Although traffic is steadily increasing, no difficulty has been experienced in hiring vehicles, and the index of outside hauliers which Mr. Tatterson keeps always produces the required transport.

Of the Sealand Transport fleet, about 35 vehicles leave the plant each morning for the Midlands and at night they are available for maintenance. The trunk vehicles, on the other hand, are kept busy 24 hours a day, but as soon as they begin their day work nightly maintenance is carried

Some idea of the recent expansion by John Summers is given by production during a week in January, 1947, when they dispatched 8,000 tons by road and rail. In the same week last year the amount was 18,646 tons. The steel is carried in coils weighing from 3 to 10 tons, or in bundles

overnight delivery on the trunk route. However, British Railways bring in most of the raw materials for the iron-making section of the plant, chiefly ore, coking coal and limestone.

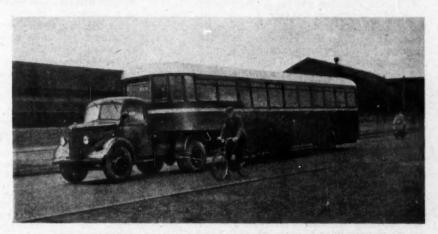
Nearly 30,000 tons of foreign ore from Sweden, Newfoundland, Labrador, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Tunisia, Spain and Brazil arrive each week at Bidston Dock, Birkenhead, and are conveyed by rail to John Summers' works. The railways also cater for about 25,000 tons of coal from Yorkshire, South Wales and the United States.

Other raw materials used in the course of a week include about 9,500 tons of scrap (some 5,000 tons of it from the plant's own risings), 550 tons of dolomite and 135 tons of magnesite. In the company's sidings there is accommodation for more than 1,000 railway wagons,

The coal wagons tip their contents on to belts which lead to storage heaps where blending takes place. The blended fuel is then fed into 176 coke ovens using 24,000 tons of coal a week and producing 17,500 tons of coke. By-products include 175,000 gallons of tar, 56,000 gallons of refined Benzole and 250 tons of ammonium sulphate.

# Service in Steel

Nearly Half the Output at John Summers' Steelworks is Carried by Outside Hauliers: Little Use Made of Rail for Outgoing Traffic



An articulated Bedford bus which operates solely within the Summers works, and carries 100 passengers. These vehicles were specially built for the company to run regular internal services for workers.

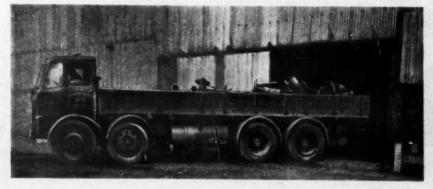
of sheets. The higher grades, which are liable to damage, are oiled, particularly galvatite (galvanized flat or corrugated steel), zintect (zinc-coated steel) and stelvetite (steel with a plastics-coated finish in various colours).

As additional transhipments are necessary in rail movements, the railways play only a small part in carrying outward traffic. The time-factor also goes against them, because same-day delivery is required in the Midlands, and The gas produced goes into a waterless gasholder with a capacity of I million cu. ft. to be used in either the ovens or the steel furnaces. Surplus gas is passed to the Wales Gas Board for distribution through their grid system.

The ore arrives in 65-ton ore bogies which are shunted on to the "ore bench"—a long series of hoppers under the railway track. The bottom doors of the wagons are then opened, allowing the ore to drop into the hoppers to be

conveyed by belt to the crushing plant.

Ore, coke and limestone are fed into two blast furnaces which have an output of more than 16,000 tons of iron a week. From the furnaces the molten iron



Sealand District Transport have found Leyland eightwheelers ideal for the heavy work involved in serving a steel plant. They have more than 80 of them, and one is seen here preparing to unload at the works. goes to the melting shop, where it is poured into 1,200-ton "mixers" and drawn off to open-hearth furnaces. There it is mixed with scrap and smelted into steel.

The steel ingots are taken to the slabbing mill for rolling and then transferred to the continuous hot-strip mill and cold reduction mills to be processed by "pickling" in acid

baths, annealing and other operations.

In addition to the outside fleet, Mr. F. Massey, manager of Sealand Transport, is responsible for about 200 vehicles operating solely within the works. These include buses, cars, lorries, tractors, dumpers, fork-lift trucks, two ambulances—including a 1927 Rolls-Royce which is still going strong—and a fire brigade with five trailer pumps.

Much of the internal work is the transport of partially processed steel sheets between the various finishing mills for re-heating. Eight of the Leylands are engaged on this work 24 hours a day. More than 20 Bedford 3-tonners are used to carry stores, spare parts and engineering components between various parts of the plant, which has 12 miles of road, 76 miles of railway and more than 11,000 employees.

The transportation of the workers to various parts of the works is no small job, and for this purpose specially built Bedford articulated 100-seat buses are employed. A central bus park is the assembly point for employees arriving at the beginning of the three eight-hour shifts, and there they transfer to the trailer cars for journeys of up to two miles.

Conveyance is also provided in the morning and evening for day staff, and there is a regular half-hourly service inside the works between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Ten smaller buses and more than 40 cars are regularly employed on this type of work.

The transport fleet has a large modern garage and up-to-date workshops, with underground oil storage. The policy is to do complete overhauls on a regular cycle, with everything, except work on electrical components, being done within the plant. Vehicles are checked daily, and greasing and oiling are completed once a week in strict rotation. This policy has proved satisfactory for, although Leylands have been bought since 1937, all the vehicles are still in operation either outside or inside the plant.

Because the mileage run by all the vehicles is approximately the same, preventive maintenance is arranged on a mileage basis. The replacement of big-end bearings and cylinder liners at 100,000 miles, and renewal of brake facings at 150,000-200,000 miles, are examples of normal work done throughout the fleet. Tyre averages, taken over a period of three years, work out at 46,856 miles.

More than 100 drivers are employed, but there is no difficulty in obtaining good men because of the excellent working conditions and the payment of a basic rate higher than the Road Haulage Wages Order schedule, plus a bonus

on production.

The operation of the company's transport is economical and efficient, and strikes a good balance by integrating with the professional haulier and British Railways for the speedy delivery of raw materials to the plant and dispatch of the finished product.

### Two New Bulk-load Albions

Body Length of 21 ft. 6 in. Available on Wheelbase of 15 ft. 6 in.: Unladen Weights Well Under 3 Tons

TWO new chassis introduced by Albion Motors, Ltd., Scotstoun, Glasgow, have been designed for the carriage of light but bulky loads and, in particular, for the accommodation of pantechnicon bedwaret.

They form part of the Victor range. They are derived from the Victor passenger chassis introduced a few months ago and are designated the VT.19N and the VT.19N(HD). Both have a wheelbase of 15 ft. 6 in., giving a body length behind the cab of 21 ft. 6 in.

The chassis differ essentially in respect of gross weight rating. The VT.19N model is rated for a gross weight of 84 tons and is mounted on 8.25 by 20-in. tyres—10-ply at the rear and 12-ply at the front. Its dry weight is 2 tons 144 cwt.

Having a gross rating of 10 tons 4 cwt., the VT.19N(HD) has a heavier frame section than the VT.19N and has 8.25 by 20-in. (14-ply) tyres at the front and 8.25 by 20-in. (12-ply) at the rear. The dry chassis weight is 2 tons 164 cwt.

Frame side members of the VT.19N(HD) are of ½-in. pressed steel with a maximum depth of 9½ in. and 2½-in. flanges. The side members of the VT.19N are of ½-in. steel and have a maximum depth of 8½ in., with 2½-in. flanges. Both frames are braced by tubular and pressed-steel cross-members bolted in position, and the overall frame width is 34 in.

The standard power unit is the Albion EN.289 four-cylindered 5.5-litre directinjection oil engine which develops 90 b.h.p. at 2,200 r.p.m., with a maximum torque output of 252 lb.-ft. at 1,250 r.p.m. The engine, which carries a 13-in-diameter single-dry-plate clutch, is unit mounted with the standard Albion five-speed constant-mesh gearbox, which is

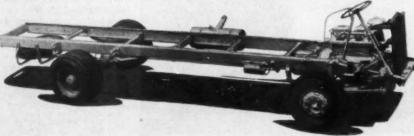
available at slightly extra cost with a sixth overdrive speed.

As with other new Albion chassis introduced in the past year, the rear axle is a double-reduction unit with spiral-bevel primary reduction and 4-to-1 hub reduction gearing. The normal axle ratio is 6.25 to 1, but other ratios are available.

Marles cam-and-double-roller steering has a ratio of 24.7 to 1, and the turning circle is quoted as 60 ft. Conventional semi-elliptic springs are employed at front and rear, and are 4 ft. 6 in. long. The front springs have 3-in.-wide leaves. whilst the leaves of the rear springs are 3½ in. wide. Telescopic dampers are fitted at the front axle.

Vacuum-hydraulic braking is specified, the Girling two-leading-shoe hydraulic brakes having a Hydrovac vacuum servo. The front brakes measure 16 in. by 3 in. and the rear brakes, 15½ in by 5 in., giving a total frictional area of 497 sq. in.

A 25-gal, fuel tank is supplied and the cab, which is offered as optional equipment, is the new all-steel unit introduced originally on the Chieftain 7-ton chassis. A notable feature of this cab is the low entrance height, with steps ahead of the front wheels.



A clear frame length behind the cab of 21 ft. 6 in. is given by the new Albion Victor bulk-load oil-engined chassis. Versions rated for 84 tons or 10 tons 4 cwt. are available. The engine develops 90 b.h.p.

### £25,500 Economies to Meet Bus Pay Award

HIGHER wages have added £30,000 to the costs of the Devon General Omnibus and Touring Co., Ltd., but they intend to gain £25,500 through economiesusing more one-man buses, revising timetables, and running vehicles with greater seating capacities.

The Western Traffic Commissioners heard this at Bristol, last week, when the company asked for minor fare revisions to bring in £4,500. They were opposed 18 local authorities, all of whom claimed that even more economies should be practised to avoid fare increases.

For the company, Mr. S. D. Herington said their last application was granted in September, 1957. Now they wanted to increase certain sub-standard day returns up to a maximum of 3d., and to revise other fares so that they came into line with those charged by Exeter Corporation. Western National Omnibus Co., Ltd., and Southern National Omnibus Co., Ltd.

This would bring in £4,500 out of the £30,000 needed to meet the wage award, and the difference would be made up by economies.

Mr. P. F. Clarke, for the objecting local authorities, claimed that the application was premature as further economies could yield the £4,500. It was wrong in principle to apply for such a petty amount considering the damage the publicity would cause. A further application would probably be made in the near future.

Mr. Herington replied that wholesale alterations were not possible at present. The company merely wanted to get rid of anomalies in the fare scale.

The Commissioners granted the appli-cation, together with an application by Exeter Corporation, who wanted to end anomalies outside the city.

When the Yorkshire Commissioners heard an application by the Mexborough and Swinton District Traction Co., Ltd., they were told about "secret by local authorities. meetings D. R. Vernon, the company's traffic manager, said these meetings were jiggery pokery by the local authorities who were discussing the compulsory acquisition of the company.

The application was for the four-stage 3d. fare on motorbuses to be increased to 4d For the company, Mr. S. D. Herington said this would yield £1,500, and a similar increase on trolleybus routes would bring in £2,500. The wage bill had gone up by £5,459, and a further £1,000 would probably be lost this year through falling traffic receipts.

Mr. G. F. Clegg, clerk to Rawmarsh Urban District Council, submitted that the company's 30 trolleybuses were due for replacement in 1960, and if motorbuses were substituted there could be a gain of £25,000.

Decision was reserved.

At Brighton, the South Eastern Commissioners agreed to £42,000 increases

proposed by Southdown Motor Services. Ltd., aimed at helping to meet the wage award of £84,000 a year. Mr. H. J. Thom, chairman, remarked that the award of £84,000 a year. company seemed to have done all they could in face of heavy increases in costs, and their proposals were such that not too much hardship would be suffered by passengers.

The traffic manager, Mr. G. Duckworth, said the 2d. fare would be retained, although it was proposed to shorten stages on fares up to 8d. New fares of 21d, and 31d, would be introduced, but some 4d. fares would be reduced. Season tickets for single fares over 11d. would go up slightly and so would scholars' season tickets.

The balance of the wage award would be met by cutting mileage, using more one-man vehicles, and having replacement vehicles with larger capacities.

Fare increases sought in Scotland by Garelochhead Coach Services, Ltd., were granted "in principle" by the Scottish Commissioners. Mr. J. Law, for the company, said they wanted to cover the pay award by bringing their fares into line with those now granted to Scottish Omnibuses, Ltd.

The Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., who also wanted to bring their fares into line, were granted increases on three stage services. faced no opposition.

### Bird's Eye View

### They Shall Not Pass

By The Hawk

MR. W. P. S. ORMOND, the somewhat astringent chairman of the Eastern Traffic Commissioners, raised a nice point with Western S.M.T. representatives during the Buckmaster case at Luton last week.

What, he asked, was the precise meaning of the word " pass " on the company's timetables? Ouoting an example, he read that an express coach passed a town at 10.38. Was it intended that would-be passengers should be there to cheer it on its way? Was the word used to interest coach travellers in the scenery? Or did it mean that the coach was prepared to set down and pick up passengers at that point?

I rather think Mr. Ormond will arrive at a definition "in another place."

### Snowed Up

FREE-ENTERPRISE road transport's No. 1 adversary, Mr. Ernest Davies, was in a chilly mood when he spoke in the House of Commons last week during a debate on the Bill to raise the British Transport Commission's borrowing powers. He rolled before him a snowball of B.T.C. loans growing ever larger as still more debts piled up with each "sub" from the Exchequer. The alternative, he said, was to abandon hypocrisy and admit that the loans were gifts. The trouble is that he is undoubtedly right.

### Frosted Up

BRITAIN'S first motorway has turned out to be literally a frost. The whole of it has been closed because about 100 yd. has bubbled as a result of frost damage. Mr. James Drake, Lancashire's surveyor, said by way of mitigation that the carriageways and verges had been laid during bad weather, which had by no means improved since the road was opened. This makes a dismal prospect for the London-Birmingham motorway, the excavations for which seem to have been almost perpetually flooded.

### Praaper 'Eller

THERE was a time when east was east and west was west and the twain never met. That, according to Mr. W. J. and the twain never met. That, according to Mr. W. J. Duckham, chairman of West Cornwall Sub-area of the Road Haulage Association, speaking at Falmouth last Friday, was how the Cornish people escaped extermination by invaders who landed in the east. Now they are invaded every year from the east and north-and are glad of it.

What they do not welcome is the latest threat from the east—Westminster, to be precise—to integrate transport. Even the "warmer climate" of Cornwall is no protection against this kind of icy blast.

### Cheap at the Price

AN operator in Salisbury, Rhodesia, has cut his tyre bills by thousands of pounds a year by paying drivers a bonus for freedom from puncture. He uses Leyland Octopus eightwheelers, the tyres of which cost up to £480 a set, and was alarmed by the frequency of impact fractures. Since he introduced the bonus system, his drivers have been far more careful.

THE man who designed the gearbox of the car in which I invested was apparently brought up on fruit machines. To engage a gear it is necessary to line up four pears. As I have never been successful with games of chance I usually have to make do with two pears, a plum, a pineapple and a set of ear-plugs.

### Vehicle Stability Essential on Motorways

NI V one speaker disagreed with the forecast made by Mr. G. Grime, of the Road Research Laboratory, at a meeting of the Auto-mobile Division of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in London, last week, that commercial-vehicle speeds on the motorways would not exceed about 55 m.p.h. The dissenter envisaged coach speeds around 70 m.p.h.

The two speakers were taking part in a discussion on "The Effect of Motorways on Vehicle Design and Durability," after the presentation of a prepared con-tribution by Dr. D. J. K. Stuart, of the

British Motor Corporation.

Quoting speeds on Continental and American highways, Mr. Grime said 53-54 m.p.h. was the normal average in most countries. This corresponded with speeds on Preston by-pass. In America, typical operators of heavy commercial vehicles did not favour a speed as high as 50 m.p.h., but it was normally exceeded slightly.

### Tyres a Problem

There would be few mechanical breakdowns at these moderate speeds, but heat generation in tyres would create a special problem. Vehicle stability would assume great importance with regard to both safety and economic running.

Anti-skid brakes should be employed, and in the case of lighter vehicles the braking effort should be applied to one of the two rear wheels (as well as the front wheels). This would reduce maximum braking efficiency by 20 per cent., but would provide sideways stability in the event of a skid. Dispelling doubts about this claim, Mr. Grime said he was "perfectly serious," and added that he would favour a device providing differential braking at the rear.

Mr. F. G. Parnell (Automotive Products Co., Ltd.) confirmed that locking the front wheels was less dangerous than locking the rear wheels, because it did not cause deflection from the line of travel. He asked whether a "limited antiskid" device could be evolved.

The need for brakes giving improved efficiency was emphasized by a number of members. One of them-a fleet operator—complained that the efficiencies of the foot and hand brakes of a new eight-wheeler were 50 per cent. and 18 per cent. respectively. Mr. Parnell replied that an efficiency of 50 per cent. was the maximum required by many commercialvehicle makers, because greater braking effort could injure the passengers and cause the loads of goods to shift forward. All wheels on an eight-wheeler should be braked.

Mr. Grime pointed out that a good braking system was often inefficient when the vehicle was overloaded. A great deal of research work would be necessary to raise the standard of commercial-vehicle braking to the average represented by private cars. When produced in quantity.

### Three-wheel Braking of Light Vehicles Advocated to Prevent Sliding

disc brakes should be as economic to manufacture as drum brakes. Improved brakes would be essential on the motor-One of the main problems was to eliminate lag between application and operation of brakes.

Application lag was mentioned by Mr. Parnell in connection with hand brakes. Although the multi-pull brake provided a favourable efficiency, its performance was, he said, inadequate in an emergency because of delay. He advocated that independently operated servo hand brakes

should be legalized.

The relation between braking efficiency and tyre design was briefly discussed by another member, who referred to the possibilities of the low-profile cover. This might, he claimed, enable single tyres to be employed at the rear in place of twin wheels and might give improved braking.

Further observations on safety factors included a statement that wheel-hub fractures and tyre fires were frequent on the

German autobahn.

A member emphasized the importance of a good view to the rear, and another speaker, citing Continental practice, said the duplication of traffic indicators should be compulsory because of the danger that could result from failure. This was supported by a member who advocated the compulsory duplication of brake-Both suggestions were light systems. commended by the chairman, Mr. R. A.

Dealing with members' views on headlights, Mr. Grime stated that the reduced dazzle of yellow headlamps was derived mainly from sharper cut-off of the beam. Yellow light had slightly lower intensity than a white beam. In the main, dazzle could be attributed directly to mis-aiming the headlights. The use of full headlight power on the motorways should be prevented by law until an anti-dazzle screen had been erected in the centre.

### Cabs Under Fire

Severe criticisms of cab appointments were made. A fleet operator emphasized that a "complete re-think" on driving comfort would be necessary. appalling noise of the engine" in a forward-control vehicle-the major cause of driver fatigue-would have to be isolated. Mr. Grime pointed out that a forward-control cab provided an increase in load-carrying length of 1 ft. 2 in.-a small gain for the sacrifices involved.

He claimed that there was not enough collaboration between vehicle designers and users. Higher powers would be essential for the speed increases envisaged. and it would probably be necessary to pay £100 more for the engine, as well as £100 extra for an improved cab.

Engine lubrication was a prominent topic. Commenting on statements made in Dr. Stuart's contribution, Mr. F. Lawrence (Shell) said additives were available which effectively inhibited oxidation at high lubricant temperatures and prevented the formation of hot sludge and so on.

Dr. Stuart replied that most engines of motorway vehicles would operate at a high oil temperature, and large oil pumps improved cooling characteristics might be required. In the region of 130-140° C. an additive-treated oil might be unstable when lubricating parts subject

to high rates of shear.

After agreeing that finality in lubricant developments had not been attained Mr. Lawrence said some engine makers failed to ensure that the most suitable oil was used. The relatively high cost of polymer additives was an important factor to the user. Anti-scuff additives were available.

Mr. Wilson-Jones said that no statement had been published regarding the lubricating properties of viscosity improvers, the proportion of which might be as high as 5 per cent. Referring to large oil pumps, he asked why a highpressure system was necessary. Dr. Stuart replied that high pressures were not necessary for efficient engine operation, but that, with the assistance of a relief valve, they enabled a gauge reading to be obtained which afforded a reliable indication whether oil was being circulated.

Criticizing typical British vehicles on account of their low oil capacity, a member claimed that adequate capacity combined with a finned sump, would obviate the need for oil additives. An oil cooler might upset the balance of cooling. A high oil temperature could increase consumption from a normal rate of 2,000-3,000 m.p.g. to about 700 m.p.g. Experience in Germany had shown that safety at high speeds largely depended upon "the sustained reliability of small parts."

### High Top Gear Needed

The necessity to employ a high top gear for motorway operations was emphasized by a number of speakers. One said that the use of an overdrive gear could reduce the oil temperature by as much as 20 per cent.

Referring to the suspension of public service vehicles, a member claimed that the application of air-hydraulic units might enable the suspension and braking systems to be interconnected in such a way that the braking effort was pro-portioned between the front and rear axles according to weight distribution.

On the possible use of gas turbines, Dr. Stuart said their application to heavy commercial vehicles was more feasible than to lighter types. The petrol engine had reached almost its limit of power

output and consumption.

In the case of oil engines, development was concentrated on supercharging. There was no foreseeable limit to the development of the gas turbine. It should be possible to produce a unit equipped with an efficient heat exchanger which would operate as economically as an oil engine

### **New Equipment and Publications**

### Quick Testing

ALTHOUGH wheel balancing is not widely practised by operators of heavy vehicles in this country, it is commonly done in Australia where it is considered that improved tyre life results. A piece of equipment produced there for the purpose and now available in Britain is the Replex electronic balancer sold by Repco.

This picture shows

how the Replex wheel balancer is

set up, with the vibration pick-up

under the wishbone

and the light beam thrown on to the wheel.

Ltd., 59 St. James's Street, London, W.1.

A component known as a vibration pick-up is placed under a suspension member such as a wishbone, and the such as a wishbone, and the wheel is spun by an electric motor. The pick-up is con-nected to a wheeled cabinet from which a beam of light is

projected on to the wheel when it is at maximum unbalance. This position may be determined when the wheel is stopped by reference to a mark which is initially

made on the tyre wall.

A meter on the cabinet indicates the amount of unbalance so that the appropriate weight can be applied to the rim. The process is stated to be simple and quick, whilst it is claimed that the pick-up can detect vibrations as small as 0.001 in. Repco supply weights of different sizes.

### Three Batteries

THREE 6-volt batteries are newly 1 obtainable from Smiths Motor Accessories, Ltd., 50 Oxgate Lane, London, N.W.2. The smallest has 17 plates and a capacity at the 10-hr, rate of 103 amp.-hr. A 19-plate unit has a capacity of 121 amp.-hr. and a 21-plate amp.-hr. The retail prices are £9 15s, 6d., £10 14s, and £11 3s. 6d. respectively.

### Hard-facing

MEANS for hard-facing components by induction heating have been devised by Deloro Stellite, Ltd., Highlands Road. tural strength that results widens the possible application of this material. Less timber is required for studding and sup-

ports, and the material is avail-able in standard oil-tempered and grades.

The standard sizes are 8 ft. by 5 ft., 6 ft. by 4 ft. and 9 ft. by 4 ft.. whilst different lengths 2 ft. and 2 ft. 6 in. wide are also available. The

This garage door is of interest as an example of plywood— Polyzote sandwich fabrication combining lightness with strength. Polyzote is an expanded polysty-rene material, in this

application 2 in.

thick.



Shirley, Solihull, in collaboration with Radio Heaters, Ltd. Stellite powder is applied, and the component is heated so that a bond is obtained. Advantages are said to include freedom from slag inclusions, blowholes and shrinkage porosity, together with sparing use of hard-facing

### Thicker Hardboard

HARDBOARD is now being made in Panels 1-in. thick by the Bowater Organization, and is obtainable through the usual channels. The greater struc-

Priced at £1 7s. 6d., the Craftsman is an engineer's plane made to take a Surform blade. and the retail cost is upwards of 84d. per sq. ft. for the standard grade and 11d. for the oil-tempered. Surform Plane

THE Craftsman is a plane incorporating a Surform blade which has been introduced by Simmonds Aerocessories, Ltd., Treforest, Glam, especially for professional users. It has a cast-iron body with an accurately machined surface for use on a shooting board and costs £1 7s. 6d. complete with blade, which is replaceable at 3s. 6d. Half-round and fine-cut blades will fit the plane, as well as the standard type with 500 teeth which is suitable for a range of materials.

### Sandwich Door

A GARAGE door, of the up and type, has been produced by West-GARAGE door, of the up-and-over land Engineers, Ltd., Yeovil, Somerset, with a 2-in. layer of Polyzote expanded polystyrene sandwiched between ply-

The sandwiched material was produced by the Expanded Rubber Co., Ltd., Mitcham Road, Croydon, Surrey, who also make laminates with Onazote as the core. They would appear to be suitable also for bodybuilding.

### Pins and Bearings

THE latest British Standards concern split cotter pins and the dimensions of ball and parallel-roller bearings. That concerning pins aligns with American and Continental standards inasmuch as the nominal length is defined as the distance from the underside of the eye to the extreme end of the short leg. Sizes of mild steel cotter pins in diameters of from \$2-\frac{1}{2}\$ in, are now based on the standard, and users are advised to bear this in mind when ordering new supplies.

The bearing standard relates to features which control the interchangeability of units, but not internal dimensions or detailed design. The pin standard costs 4s. and the other 12s. 6d. from the British Standards Institution, 2 Park Street, London, W.I; postage is extra to non-subscribers.







# A CONSERVATIVE POLICY

N recent years there has been much discussion about the ideal administrative and managerial arrangements for passenger transport, particularly in urban areas. Sussex is of interest in this connection because, in its three largest urban agglomerations, none of them greatly industrialized, a variety of control and operation exists. The three areas are (1) Brighton with Hove, Portslade and Southwick; (2) Eastbourne, and (3) Hastings with Bexhill.

These three areas vary widely in population and extent. In 1951, for example, the population of Brighton County Borough was 156,486, in an area of 12,513 acres. Hove housed 69,535 in 3,953 acres, Portslade Urban District 13,574 in 1,953 acres, and Southwick 10,731 in 1,127 acres. At the same census, figures for Eastbourne were 57,821 in 10,957 acres. The Hastings County Borough figures were 65,522 and 7,323

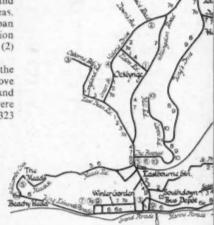
acres, and the Bexhill population was 25,693 in 7,993 acres. As Eastbourne is the simplest case, I propose to deal with that transport undertaking first. The county borough stands isolated from any other substantial urban development, so that it has never been difficult to draw a distinction between urban and inter-urban services. Eastbourne has the credit of being the first English municipality to operate motorbuses and is one of the few which did not begin with a tramway system. Before motors appeared the town depended on horsed-buses run by the Eastbourne Omnibus and Carriage Co.

At a time when motorbuses were generally the object of derision, and certainly unreliable, the civic fathers showed remarkable foresight in obtaining a permissive clause in the Eastbourne Corporation Act, 1902, and, what is more, implementing it with little delay. Two single-deck and two double-deck buses were ordered to begin with, and one of these, a 14-seat 16 h.p. Milnes-Daimler, went into service on April 12, 1903, working between Eastbourne Station and

By the end of the year the fleet had grown to six and three routes were in operation. Two Clarkson steamers were added in 1904 and gave good service until 1914, despite difficulties with the local hard water. By 1905, in addition - to The Meads, it was possible to travel from the station to the foot of Beachy Head, the seafront, Old Town, Ocklynge, Hampden Park, "The Archery" and Carew Road.

If these points are picked out on the map it will be seen that the development of the undertaking during the past 54 years has consisted almost entirely in the provision of

(Below) An A.E.C. on route 9 runs into town vla King's Drive. route terminates alternately at Devonshire Park and the station, and is interworked with routes 7 and 7a. Devonshire





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Pioneers of the Municipal Bus, Eastbourne Corporation Continue to Provide a Profitable Service for Residents and Visitors with 54 Vehicles

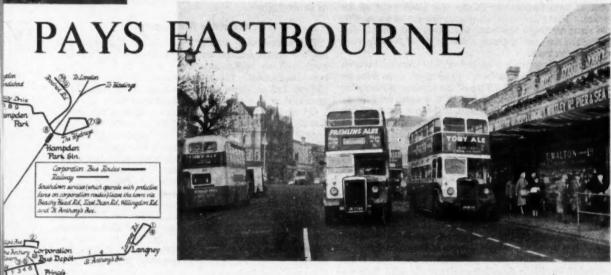
By C. S. Dunbar, M.Inst.T.

(Extreme left) An A.E.C. Regent 52-seater threads its way through Terminus Road, Eastbourne, on the common route past "The Archery" to Langney. (Left) One of the eight Crossley double-deckers in the fleet. Route 2 serves residents on the northern outskirts of the town, connecting them with the station and shopping centre. (Below) Two Leylands on routes 3 and 4 leave the railway station for The Archery Tayern.

three temporary sites before the department obtained a specially built garage at Churchdale Road in 1911. This was extended in 1922 and 1926. In addition to the maintenance of the buses, work is undertaken for other municipal departments.

Eastbourne is essentially a residential place which attracts a large number of summer visitors. Manufacturing industry is represented by a number of printing works, which have customer connections throughout the country, and by a trading estate for light industries at Hampden Park. Professional organizations have offices in the town, as also have the Dental Estimates Board, who employ about 1,000 people. Retired persons form a large element in the population and there are many business men and administrative workers who live in Eastbourne and have rail season tickets to London, Brighton and other places.

There is, in consequence, heavy traffic morning and evening to and from the station, which is a dead-end terminus. The railway layout here is very different from those in the other two areas I am considering. Besides the terminus, Hampden Park is the only station in the corporation's territory. About seven out of 10 bus passengers are



(Left) The map shows the compact area served by Eastbourne Transport Department. In 1958, 16.8 m. passengers were carried.

Sheeta Walley

alternative routes to these points, notably to Hampden Park. The only projection of any length has been over the 1½ miles from "The Archery" to Langney. For a time a service was run beyond Langney to Friday Street.

I doubt whether there is any other town in the country in which the pattern of the system has changed so little over so long a period. There was a boundary extension under the Eastbourne Extension Act, 1937, but this did not automatically give the corporation rights outside its original limits. Three routes (I, 7, 7a) do in part run outside the pre-1937 line as the result of friendly agreement with Southdown Motor Services, Ltd., but applications on two occasions to extend services westwards were unsuccessful. All the present routes are within the existing boundary.

The corporation vehicles were garaged on two or

women. Winter peaks are between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. (most workers go home to lunch), and 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. In summer all available buses are required between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Eastbourne was badly hit by the 1939-45 war. It is difficult to believe now that it was originally scheduled as a reception area, but in 1940 evacuation on a large scale took place and only a few thousand people remained. Work was found for the buses made surplus by the fall in population by hiring 15 to Lancashire United and others to Southdown for use at Portsmouth.

Workmen were transported far afield on defence work and for a time the engineering side gave instruction to Servicemen, notably in welding. Part of the garage became an emergency feeding centre. The town had 2,000 alerts, 475 houses were destroyed and 10,000 damaged. The depôt was hit twice. Many buses were damaged and three were destroyed. On many occasions the railway line was cut and the corporation had to provide alternative services.

A notable feature of the post-war rehabilitation was the introduction of the first oil engine at the late date of 1946. No pre-war buses now remain in the fleet, except four Leyland TD2s, which the department reconstructed in 1949 with open upper decks

In all there are now 52 double-deckers (26 A.E.C., 18 Leyland and 8 Crossley) and two single-deckers (1 A.E.C. and 1 Leyland). The fleet livery is an attractive combination of primrose and ultramarine. The maximum seating capacity is 56 and the present policy of the management is not to exceed this figure greatly, if at all.

Large double-deckers, for which there is now such a demand elsewhere, have no appeal for Eastbourne, nor have large one-man-operated single-deckers. The management is thus continuing the conservative policy which has characterized the undertaking throughout its life. It would seem to be justified by the population characteristics and the seasonal ebb and flow of demand.

The open-toppers have abundantly justified the cost of reconstruction, although their period of operation is usually restricted to between May 1 and September 30. Each has its own name and they are generally to be found in summer running along the front, although at times they are employed inland as well.

### All-season Services

Service 6a, the seafront service from Prince's Park to the foot of Beachy Head, is the only one which does not start from or pass Eastbourne Station, the focal point of the system. There are nine all-the-year-round services, plus two short workings separately numbered with, in addition during the summer, a through service from Prince's Park to Hampden Park.

Basic headways vary greatly from five minutes between the station and "The Archery" to as much as an hour on service 10 to Mill Road. Two of the services to Hampden Park are also only hourly, but in this case there is an alternative. Services 7, 7a and 9, which are those serving Hampden Park, are interworked to economize on vehicles and staff.

It is interesting to see how this is done. The journey times are approximately the same on the three services—22 or 23 minutes—except that alternate buses on service 9 start at the station instead of at Devonshire Park, which is otherwise the southern terminal. An extract from the duty schedules, omitting actual times, reads thus (The Hydneye and Brodrick Road are alternative terminals in Hampden Park):

9, Station—King's Drive—Brodrick Road; 7a, Brodrick Road—Old Town—Devonshire Park; 9, Devonshire Park—King's Drive—The Hydneye; 9, The Hydneye—King's Drive—Devonshire Park; 7a, Devonshire Park—Old Town—Brodrick Road; 9, Brodrick Road—King's Drive—Grand Parade; 9, Grand Parade—King's Drive—The Hydneye; 7, The Hydneye—Ocklynge—Devonshire Park.

Services I and 4 run on a common route from Langney past. "The Archery" and the station to Upperton Road, beyond which they form a loop, worked in both directions, serving Ocklynge and Old Town. Service 6 runs from the station to "The Archery" via The Meads and the seafront, with 5 and 6a as short workings on it.

The undertaking has a good financial record. Since it started in 1903 there have been only nine years in which no

profits have been made. It is now debt-free and has a reserve fund. In the lowest ranges fares are now double the pre-war level, with a minimum of 2d., but the increase is much less above 3d. The pre-war 6d. ride, for instance, even now costs only 8d.

Eastbourne has one of the few entirely urban undertakings which offer return fares at reduced rates all day, including Sundays and holidays; these apply to stages of 5d. and above. Except for a few 2½d. stages along the front, fares rise in penny steps. The usual pre-printed tickets were employed until 1954, since when Speed-model Setrights have been used.

An indication of the growth of the business is afforded by a comparison of the following annual figures, made up to March 31 in the respective years: In 1904, 430,722 passengers were carried over approximately 70,000 miles. In 1920, the passenger total had risen to 4,850,936 and the mileage run to 357,425. By 1939 the figures had soared to 14,594,680 and 1,407,087 respectively. By 1958 the passengers had multiplied to 16,811,552 against a relatively slight increase in mileage to 1,494,129.

There was a surge upwards between 1947 and 1951, but the rise and subsequent fall have not been nearly so striking as in most places.

### Protective Arrangement

Eastbourne being situated as it is, there would be little point in the corporation entering into any pooling arrangement with an outside operator. There is, in fact, only one—Southdown. The company's vehicles are allowed to pick up and set down within the corporation area, but in general they have to charge a minimum of 4d.

On service 7 to Hampden Park via Ocklynge, this protection only applies as far as Windmill Close. As 4d. is not a normal Southdown minimum, its application has a curious result, in that a passenger boarding a company bus towards the end of a municipal route can save 1d. on his (probably) faster ride by booking beyond the boundary, even if he alights at that point. On the Southdown circular route to Birling Gap, which started last summer, no fares can be booked short of Beachy Head.

Mr. L. H. Cannon, A.M.Inst.T., the present Eastbourne manager, is only the fourth occupant of that position. Mr. J. K. Bridges (who was also borough electrical engineer) was in charge until 1906. Mr. P. Ellison then became manager and remained until 1939, when Mr. John Atherton, who died last year, took the reins.

Oddly enough, Eastbourne, having managed without a tramway for half a century, was given one in 1954. Admittedly, it is only half-a-mile long and is only on a 2-ft. gauge, but it carries big loads in the summer from Prince's Park gates to the Crumbles. Its promoters, Modern Electric Tramways, Ltd., regard it as a serious enterprise which, when it eventually reaches the isolated settlement at Langney Point, will be able to offer an all-the-year-round service.

[Passenger transport at Brighton will be reviewed next week.]

A NEW line of industrial and automotive two-stroke oil engines has been introduced by General Motors Corporation. of America. They range from a 20 b.h.p. twin-cylindered unit to a 1,650 b.h.p. turbocharged V-32. A three-cylindered unit—one of the smallest engines made in the U.S.A.—is being used in taxis and light pick-ups, its highest rating being 97 b.h.p.

For normal vehicle applications the 6V-53, 6V-71 and 8V-71 V-6 and V-8

### New Compact, Light G.M.C. Oil Engines

engines are of interest because of their light weight and small overall dimensions. The 6V-53, for instance, develops 195 b.h.p. at 2.800 r.p.m. yet weighs only 1,340 lb. and is only 34 ½ in long. The 6V-71 unit is rated at 217 b.h.p., weighs 1,855 lb. and is 42 9-32 in. long. whilst the 8V-71 V-8 engine develops 290 b.h.p.

and is no longer than normal in-line sixcylindered units.

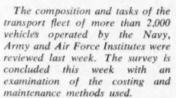
All the "53" engines run at 2.800 r.p.m. governed speed, whilst the "71" series is governed at 2,100 r.p.m. Thus, the smaller engines are directly competitive with petrol units of equal output.

Weight saving has been achieved by using aluminium-alloy cylinder blocks, flywheel housings and various small castings, giving a power-weight ratio as low as 6.9 lb./b.h.p. in the case of the 6V-53.

# Costing and Maintenance for 2,000 Vehicles

Routine maintenance and repair work, up to major docks, are carried out in depot workshops by Naafi vehicle mechanics. The workshops themselves, wherever possible, are laid out to a standard pattern, and the maintenance system is devised for use at home and overseas.

### By Tom Walkerley



N delivery, a new truck is given a target mileage and life which it is expected to achieve before replacement is considered. The target figure, of course, differs widely according to the type of vehicle, but, in general, experience has shown that a small van is good for three years, a 5-tonner for five years and a 7-tonner for seven years. Heavier metal, such as the Albion Chieftain and the Bedford S-type tractor, is considered good for at least 10 years, or 200,000 miles.

Purchasing policy is the province of the controller of transport, who takes into account such factors as need (in view of the run-down in the numbers of the Forces), used-market prices prevailing at the time and expectation of useful life of the vehicle concerned. Staff cars are replaced, on the average, at three-yearly intervals, or about 40,000 miles.

### 20m. Miles a Year

The total average mileage of the entire fleet easily exceeds 20m. a year, and in recent years the life of individual vehicles has been markedly extended by the replacement of petrol engines by oilers.

At the Kennington headquarters, Naafi maintain most meticulous graphical and statistical records of all vehicles. The accounts branch of the transport department is greatly assisted by Hollerith machines which produce, in standardized form, monthly and quarterly figures, analysed in detail



for the individual vehicles and depots.

The cost accounts are broken down into the various fields of activity. Direct vehicle expenses, for example, comprise fuel, lubricants, wages, licences, insurance and depreciation. The cost of repairs in Naafi workshops, repairs by agents and general depot overheads are recorded separately, as are the costs of hired transport, both by road and rail.

Depot costs are also broken down to show, under separate headings, staff salaries, travelling expenses, stores, communications and so on. Monthly

Monthly Maintenance Checks, Meticulous Records and Central Control are Features of Naafi Fleet Operation

statistics showing mileage, fuel consumption, tonnage, oil changes and efficiency records are also maintained. The allocation of transport costs to the user departments is based on vehicle time and mileage.

In addition, charts are kept by which it is possible to see at a glance the monthly mileage of every vehicle, grouped under its make and type, and the dates on which engine changes or other major work were carried out. Accident statistics for both United Kingdom and overseas commands are also shown graphically.

The target system for the estimated life of a vehicle is extended to fuel consumption, tyre mileage and battery life. Thus, a significant rise in fuel or engine-oil consumption can be investigated at once and action taken before excessive wear leads to costly repairs or replacements.

As far as tyres are concerned, Naafi

make full use of the excellent inspection service provided by the manufacturers. All vehicles with independent front suspension have the tyres moved round the chassis at 4,000-mile intervals. Worn tyres are returned to the London depot with a card giving the mileage at which they were fitted and removed.

Covers which have attained their target figure are returned to the manufacturers for remoulding, and, if rejected, are put up for disposal. In the case of tyres which do not reach their target, an investigation by the transport manager concerned is required. Only manufacturers' remoulds are used.

Vehicle batteries are also dealt with only through the London depot. Each has a number, prefixed with a code letter, indicating the command in which the vehicle is used. An unexpectedly early death is referred to the manufacturers. A weekly battery check is the drivers' responsibility.

### Complete Vehicle Histories

Every Naafi vehicle is supplied with a log book, which is, in effect, a complete life history. Maintenance is based on service every 1,000 miles or at intervals of a month, whichever occurs sooner. The service is carried out in depot workshops, except in the case of vehicles based at a distance, as, for example, mobile canteens. Where convenient, the service is then authorized to be carried out by local agents.

The 1,000-mile check includes full chassis lubrication, gearbox and rear-axle check, battery maintenance, brake inspection, electrical examination and road test. Gearbox and rear-axle lubricants are changed twice yearly, in April and October.

Engine oils are changed at intervals

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of 2,000 miles, except in the mobilecanteen engines, where the change is made at 500 miles. This is because the low mileage and frequent use of the choke control in numerous cold starts have been shown to accelerate wear.

At 4,000 miles a more comprehensive service is superimposed on the 1,000-mile routine. This includes compression test, tappet adjustment, carburetter cleaning and chassis check. The body is inspected for damage.

Petrol engines have a top overhaul at 15,000 miles and four-cylindered oil engines have similar treatment at 25,000 miles. The smaller diesels are docked at 50,000 miles, when the pistons are removed, bore and piston wear is measured and bearings are examined.

This dock is carried out on sixcylindered oilers at 75,000 miles. All this work is performed in warehouse and depot workshops. It is also a workshop responsibility to make periodic checks on the sulphur content of oil fuel from bulk deliveries.

### Control of Replacements

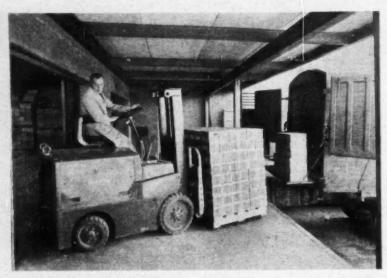
No major unit can be replaced without the authority of headquarters. Replacement is dealt with on an exchange basis through main agents.

During the first year of a vehicle's life, transport managers are required to pay special attention to defects, so that they can be taken up with the manufacturers concerned. It has been Naafi's happy experience that the "works" are frequently willing to offer help well outside the scope of the warranty.

The drivers employed by the corporation have as unenviable a trade and calling as most transport men. The hours of work, particularly for those engaged in the dock traffic and bakery delivery, are at least inconvenient. But, over the years, the men have shown loyalty and enthusiasm which do not exist in all sections of industry, and they have admirable accident-free and long-service records.

The Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes are described as an "association not for profit." There is nothing in its constitution, however, that condones a deficit. It may be appreciated that much experience and planning have gone into transport operation. Delivery gosts are well known to represent a high proportion of the selling price of an article and Naafi continually do all they can to keep them down.

The corporation are fully aware that they are engaged in keen competition. In the United Kingdom, and more obviously overseas, there is nothing



In Naafi warehouses all over the world, the tasks of loading and storing a very wide variety of goods are facilitated by the pallet and fork-lift truck. Here a consignment of chocolate is manauvred on the dispatch bank by a Stacatruc.

to prevent their Service customers transferring their business, particularly in wines, spirits and sports equipment, to a local trader. There is no question of monopoly trading.

It is only by skilful purchasing, reducing costs of transport and administration, and providing the goods and services the Forces require, that Naafi can remain in business. Many of those services are unprofitable but necessary: the palatial Other

Ranks Club at Salisbury, for example, could not exist but for other commercial operations. Families, too, require shop-to-quarters delivery. These are expensive luxuries.

So far as the transport department is concerned, efficient operation goes hand in hand with economy. It has been achieved by tight control at all levels, meticulous accounting, high standards of maintenance—and cooperation.

### Sales and Transport Go Hand in Hand

ONLY too often sales representatives make totally unrealistic promises to customers and then leave it to the transport manager to fulfil them. Sales, production and distribution must be co-ordinated if customer-satisfaction is to be achieved. These views were expressed by Mr. C. Courtney Cramp, general secretary of the Industrial Transport Association, in a paper on "Salesmanship and Transport" presented to the Association's London Division last week.

The basic needs of successful salesmanship was a faith in the product, followed by a guaranteed delivery, he said. Publicity and advertising should be co-ordinated to obtain maximum production. But to try and sell above that capacity would only retard expansion.

Promised delivery dates could not then be kept, and the company's reputation would suffer with every possibility of an ultimate drop in sales, whilst inevitably the transport department would be made the scapegoat.

Referring to some of the difficulties which are peculiar to transport departments, Mr. Cramp instanced the practice of production departments ordering basic materials for delivery by the supplier when their own vehicles could have collected more economically and speedily. When scheduled deliveries did not materialize, however, the transport manager, who up till then had been ignored, was expected to arrange collection immediately.

If the entire fleet were not on the road he was told that the vehicles were "eating their heads off," yet if on another occasion one or more could not instantly be made available to meet some emergency (more often than not due to lack of foresight in other departments) the transport manager was told his department was badly organized.

When, in such circumstances, panic appeals for transport were met, often at considerable expense and inconvenience, such action was taken for granted. Inability to do so was looked upon as being unco-operative.

The first person in a concern to contact the customer was the sales representative and the last the lorry driver. If the whole exercise was to be completed successfully it was necessary to have an adequate system with a minimum of essential statistics. Less work-study and more study of work would be beneficial. 0

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### **Political Commentary**

By JANUS

# For Whose Benefit?

Russian diplomacy seems often to consist in making an extreme demand, thus forcing other countries to set down their own policy by way of a counter-offer, from which the Russians may be able to pick up some advantage even if they do not get everything for which they ask. The Labour party's statement of their plans for the future of long-distance road haulage may not be exactly similar to a political démarche from behind the Iron Curtain, but it has a similar effect in loosening the tongues of hauliers. There is almost a compulsion upon them to make some positive statement, both to justify their continued existence and to satisfy themselves that they are still alive.

Just as is the case with diplomacy, there is a correct jargon for declarations of policy on behalf of an industry. The proposals must be proved "in the national interest"; otherwise there is no point in putting them forward. Whether the public accept them at their face value is a different matter. It is natural to identify one's own interest

with that of the nation, but it is not so easy to persuade other people to agree with the identification. Passenger aperators find their difficulties increased by the tendency to make peak hours shorter and shorter; they, therefore, demand the staggering of working hours. Hauliers complain of injustice as a result of agreements to transfer Government traffic or nationalized traffic to the British

Transport Commission.

There may be something in the case for staggering hours or for preventing State-owned monopolies from taking in each other's washing. The case is damaged rather than advanced which begins with the assumption that the world owes the transport operator a living. All the same, that is bound to be the idea judiciously hidden behind any statement of policy from or on behalf of any industry. The public expect an enlightened self-interest. If they failed to find it, they would be inclined to dismiss the statement as absurd or pointless. They ask only that the proper courtesies should be observed; the policy should be at least plausibly explained as something to their advantage; and there must be a reasonable excuse for producing it and inviting their consideration.

### Sympathetic Hearing

The threat of nationalization is an ample excuse and assures hauliers of a sympathetic hearing. They would be losing an opportunity if they did not make a statement that went beyond the bounds of the case against State ownership. Nobody would be in doubt as to their real aim. Like everybody else, they want more business. They will not say so in anything like those words, nor will they argue that more traffic for them automatically means greater national prosperity.

Rather they will call in evidence the demands of trade and industry for the services of hauliers under free enterprise. The licensing system must be shown as the factor that has prevented the demand from being satisfied in the

past.

At this early stage the hauliers will come up against one of the chief stumbling blocks in framing a policy. It would be too simple to call for the abolition of the licensing system. For a brief time existing hauliers might reap the benefit, but there would soon be a great influx of newcomers followed by a fierce rate-cutting war.

Fortunately for hauliers, trade and industry have no desire to see this sort of development, and public opinion still favours the preservation of the railways that was the main reason for licensing hauliers in the first place. Operators may, therefore, safely propose amendments to the system without the risk that it will come crashing about their ears.

Sensible amendments would permit established businesses to expand more rapidly than is now possible without taking other businesses over; would create a more clear-cut distinction between the general A and the limited B licence; and would give more security of tenure, especially at "renewal" time. From all these things the haulier would gain, and could plausibly argue that they were in

the general interest.

It is natural to have a policy that would work to one's advantage; it is sensible to see that it is also to the advantage of other people. The remarkable thing about the policy of the Labour party on transport nationalization is that it has neither of these attributes. So far from helping the party, nationalization is probably their greatest electoral liability.

### **Glorious Chapter**

Ten years ago there was at any rate the illusion that nationalization was writing a new and glorious chapter in the history of transport. The workers were told that they would become the owners of the business in which they were employed. For the management there was the promise of greater power and an appeal to their better nature; they would be serving the nation as well as their own ambitions. Trade and industry and the general public remained sceptical at the prospect of a cheaper and better transport service to be provided by a single gigantic and integrated organization; but it could still be argued that the experiment was worth a trial.

History has been unkind to the Labour party's dream. The workers exchanged a personal for an impersonal boss. They are no better off, and do not hesitate to accept a job in the free-enterprise sector, if it is offered to them. A few of the managerial staff have climbed or were hoisted into high office. Many of the remainder feel frustrated and look with envy at the people who are building up independent businesses, often with the help of techniques and methods they learned within British Road Services, but always mainly by using their own initiative and ideas. Transport users and the public have seen no cause to

change their original opinion.

If they have not already done so, the public must soon fall to wondering what makes the nationalizers tick. What do they get out of it? There is no gain either for the Labour party or for their supporters. The B.T.C., who may be considered as the chief beneficiaries, have shown no enthusiasm for extended ownership. By a stroke of irony, their enthusiasm would be boundless were they running the railways under free enterprise; they would welcome the handing over to them of a nationalized road transport industry bound hand and foot. The effect of the policy of the Labour party when they were in power is that even the B.T.C. are lukewarm for nationalization. They are, to all intents and purposes, a subsidized service. They have no wish to inflame public resentment by adding to their crimes the deliberate suppression of their main competitor.

### Opinions and Queries

# More Lessons from Licensing

THE contributions on haulage licensing problems from G. Duncan Jewell in *The Commercial Motor* dated January 9, fail, in my opinion, to clarify the position in respect of overweight vehicles and certain other matters.

On page 803 he says: "The law is clear, no vehicle may be retained on a special A licence which is over the unladen weight specified." Who says so? What law? Perhaps he would be good enough to quote his authority for his

statement.

He adds: "The normal user applied for must relate to the work the vehicle has been doing and to the main districts served." If he will have another look at form GV1A, he will see that question 7 starts off—"Facilities which you propose to provide: ", not the work you have done in the past. In any event, one does not apply for a "normal user," one states it. Admittedly, it may be comparatively easy to justify a normal user in line with what has been done in the past; but there is nothing to prevent an applicant declaring his intention of undertaking something wider in the future, although he may have to prove need for it.

He goes on to refer to a "restricted" A licence as compared with an "unrestricted" special A licence. Maybe, if the term "freedom" is only relative, so is the term "restricted"; but it is as well to remember that under the 1933 Act no conditions as to the goods to be carried or the area within which they are to be carried may be attached to an A licence. Notwithstanding a number of Appeal Tribunals decisions, I submit that case law can only interpret statute law. It cannot alter it.

His further statement that "the public A licence will be restricted to 75 per cent. of work within the normal user granted "could, I feel, do with rewording, because it reads as if a Licensing Authority could take offensive action against a licence holder who declared a 200-mile radius, if the said licence holder went beyond 150 miles.

Possibly what Mr. Jewell meant was that if an applicant declared those traffics and districts from which 75 per cent. of his income was derived, that would be his normal user. If that was meant, it would still leave 25 per cent. of

unspecified traffic-quite a margin.

In "Lessons from Licensing" on page 813, Mr. Jewell says, "The Tribunal held that a deliberate departure from a haulier's declared statement of intention when a licence was granted was a sufficient ground for refusing to renew it..." I am sorry, but I did not read the decision of the Tribunal in that way. I understood that they were dealing, not with a deliberate (but possibly small) departure, but with a substantial or complete departure from declared normal user. As I have said above, apparently in agreement with the view held by Mr. Jewell, there is a 25 percent. unspecified field allowing the licence holder appreciable scope to depart deliberately from his declared normal user within which he need fear no official sanctions.

Further, referring to assignments of special A licences, he says, "the applicant for an assignment states on his form that the actual vehicle is in his possession." The applicant does nothing of the sort and Mr. Jewell will find that form GVIA(SP) reads, "Insert registration marks, unladen weights and types of motor vehicles to be included in the licence." This was for the very good and sufficient reason that if application were made for the new special A licence before taking delivery of the vehicle, the applicant has the right to put it to work immediately he takes delivery, before the licence is actually issued. If on the

other hand he takes delivery first and then applies for the licence, he must stand the vehicle up until the licence is actually in his possession (1953 Act, First Schedule). There is a place on the form for the insertion of the

proposed date of delivery.

If applicants prefer to get themselves into difficulties by their unaided efforts, make foolish declarations of normal user that anyone familiar with licensing knows will create difficulties for them, and give still more foolish undertakings to restrict their own activities, that is their own affair. If, however, there is one statement in Mr. Jewell's contribution with which I can whole-heartedly agree, it is where he refers to the advantages of applications being handled by someone familiar with licensing.

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G. W. IRWIN, Secretary, Eastern Area, Road Haulage Association.

Il must first thank Mr. Irwin for drawing attention to the fact that I did not make it clear in my opening paragraph that I was referring to assignments of special-A vehicles. It is true that, normally, once a vehicle has been specified on a licence the holder is legally entitled to operate it even though it may have increased in weight since the licence was granted. However, Section 6, Part 1, of the Transport Act, 1953, states that no variation of a special A licence shall be made except a variation consisting only of the removal of a specified vehicle from the licence, or of the specification in the licence in substitution for a specified vehicle or a vehicle of the same or less weight unladen.

The Northern Licensing Authority, Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, has interpreted the terms of Section 9 (4) of the Act, as giving grounds for revoking or suspending a licence when a false statement has been made on the application form for a special A licence as to the unladen weight of a vehicle, and it has been established that the vehicle is, in fact, heavier. I was referring to these facts alone and I wish to make it clear that I am offering practical advice and not laying down the strict letter of the law, on which, in my original article (The Commercial Motor, November 28, page 628) I

stated that legal opinion should be sought.

No haulier should be given the impression that merely because notification of an increase in weight during the currency of a licence is not specifically demanded, any advantage gained by way of increased carrying capacity, or change of type,

cannot be penalized.

The mere substitution of an oil engine for a petrol unit, minor changes not affecting the carrying capacity, or ability to compete with other operators, would not be regarded as unreasonable, but large increases in weight involving a change of type, or adding to the payload, may well be taken into consideration when a public A licence is applied for, and it is a question of proving need.

With regard to normal user, Mr. Irwin is quite right when he says, "there is nothing to prevent an applicant declaring his intention of undertaking something wider in the future, although he may have to prove need for it." Obviously, even a newcomer can obtain an A licence with any normal user if he can prove need for it. The paragraph referred to was directed towards the difficulty of proving, "general goods, Great Britain," and the importance of giving the Licensing Authority a guide as to what the vehicle has been doing. The necessity to state future intention is, I should have thought, obvious.

The text in the next paragraph makes it plain that the terms "unrestricted" and "restricted," refer solely to the change from a licence where normal user need not be stated, to one where the major operations must be defined within certain limits. In previous articles I have made it clear that no conditions may be attached to an A licence so far as the law is concerned, but there is a danger that the distinction,

between a B-licence condition and A-licence normal user or statement of intention, will become theoretical.

I do not agree that the reference to 75 per cent. is ambiguous, but perhaps it should be added that there is no set figure and the percentage defined as being outside normal user is usually interpreted according to the circumstances of the case.

Referring to my article, "Lessons from Licensing," on page 813. I would suggest that no one who read it as a whole could be misled on the subject of a statement of intention. The sub-heading advises, "If the nature of a haulage business changes substantially, tell the Licensing Authority ..." and the next sentence to Mr. Irwin's quotation reads, "a major change during the currency of a licence should be declared, and a new licence applied for, adducing affirmative evidence to prove need."

On the question of assignments, the sentence referred to should have read, "the applicant for an assignment states on his form that the actual vehicle will be in his possession," for as Mr. Irwin is aware, question 9 asks for the proposed delivery date of the vehicle or vehicles, and on and after the date inserted by the applicant, unless otherwise informed, the Licensing Authority is entitled to assume that this is the

case.

With regard to the right of an applicant to run a vehicle for hire or reward before the licence is actually issued, although no action has been taken against operators who have done so, there is considerable difference of opinion as to whether Section 8, of Part 1 of the First Schedule to the Act, gives an assignee the same right as that enjoyed by the original purchaser of a transport unit to operate without a licence. In the cases which I was discussing in my article the hauliers were operating illegally because they had filled in application forms in blank, and left it to the dealer concerned to make the application to the Licensing Authority, which was delayed for some time, and they were, in fact, operating before the applications were made.—G. DUNCAN JEWELL.]

### Demountable Bodies Used in 1929

WRITING in your issue dated January 16, P. A. C. Brockington asks: "Why not use stillages as bodies?" If he had employed the words "demountable bodies" I would add that this was achieved successfully as far back as 1929. In that year over 100 4-ton vehicles were especially built and fitted with demountable bodies by one of the former railway companies. The equipment included

apparatus for the removal and replacement of the bodies, and loading banks to deal with them. This was done most effectively and rapidly. It took a total of two minutes to remove a loaded body or stillage and replace it with another, either empty or loaded, for the next trip out.

The problems of centring the vehicle and body, and lifting and securing the latter were successfully solved. Incidentally, the maintenance of these vehicles was much simplified, because of it being possible to remove the body while making an examination or carrying out repairs.

It was, however, just about this time that the first articulated vehicles appeared on the road, and the extra manœuvrability and convenience of this type seemed to

kill off the "demountables."

The apparatus employed for removing the bodies is, I believe, still covered by a patent, and in view of Mr. Brockington's interesting article, I thought that he might like to know these points.

A. W. LORT-WILLIAMS,
District Road Motor Engineer,
British Railways (Western Region).

### Valve to Improve "Artic." Braking

WE are very interested in your leading article on matched "artics." in your issue dated January 2, particularly in respect of brakes on such vehicles.

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### **Buckmaster Scottish Excursions Refused**

A SUBMISSION by Mr. J. R. C. Samuel-Gibbon, for British Railways and United Counties Omnibus Co., Ltd., that no evidence had been called to support an application for an excursion licence from Aylesbury to Glasgow by Buckmaster Garages, Ltd., Leighton Buzzard, was upheld at Luton last week. The East Midland, Metropolitan and Eastern Traffic Commissioners reserved their decision on an application for an express licence between the same terminals.

The sixth day of the hearing opened with the production by Mr. J. A. Hines, for the applicants, of a Western S.M.T. coach ticket, reserving a seat on a Glasgow-bound vehicle, to be taken up at Baldock on January 30. Mr. R. M. Palmer, of Scottish Omnibuses, said, however, that Western S.M.T. had put their house in order, to the extent that Baldock had been granted as a picking-up point in the Metropolitan Area and that a dispensation to pick up in Biggleswade

and Eaton Socon had been granted in the

Mr. Palmer said that Western S.M.T. carried some 45,000 people annually in each direction on the Glasgow-London route, and about 1.7 per cent. came from a catchment area, centred on Luton. Operating costs were 27d. per mile. He agreed that profits on certain routes were used to subsidize the unprofitable Scottish rural routes. To operate a trunk route 400 miles long required extensive feeder services at each terminal: in the Luton area, they were provided by United Counties.

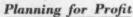
Mr. F. D. Walker, for the Lancashire operators—Ribble, Standerwick, Scout and Yelloway—doubted the applicants' wisdom in embarking on the project. The costing was over-optimistic and they would have difficulty in finding 20 passengers per journey for nine months in the year. Even their private-hire journeys to Scotland had been on a small scale and he saw the grim shadow of

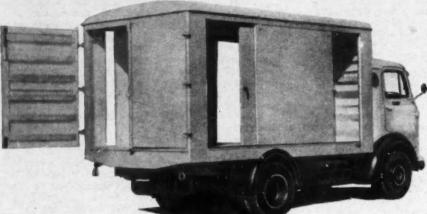
Northern Roadways falling over the enterprise.

For Western S.M.T., Mr. J. B. T. Loudon suggested that the demand, as presented to the court, was created by the applicants and was not a spontaneous expression of local feeling.

Mr. Samuel-Gibbon said the applicants had failed to prove there was a gap in existing services and the balance of convenience was insufficient ground for the application to succeed. If the application were granted, it would create a dangerous precedent, allowing the trunk route to be tapped throughout its length.

Mr. Hines declared that this was, a national, rather than local, application, for the benefit, almost solely, of Scots in the district. The service was needed by the elderly, infirm and parents with young children, all of whom complained of the difficulties of cross-country bus connections, changes of train and long waits on inhospitable platforms in the middle of the night.





The Northern Ireland Hospital Authority use this Karrier Bantam, supplied by A. S. Baird, Ltd., Belfast, to carry medical equipment, laundry hampers and similar supplies. The bodywork, built by Harkness Coachworks, Ltd., Belfast, has sides of sliding panels to give good access to the interior and two rear doors. It is made of light alloy and measures 10 ft. 10. in. long, 5 ft. 7 in. high and 6 ft. 3 in. wide.

# How Much Overhang Is Permissible?

Readers' Inquiries Include a Question about Vehicle Width and Side Lamps: When a 16-year-old May Drive a Reversible Three-wheeler: Trailers and Locomotives

"HAT is the distance allowed for body protrusion from the centre lines of the side lamps on a 2-ton vehicle; if this limit is exceeded, what penalty is imposed on the owner and must this fault be rectified before the vehicle is allowed to continue its daily operation?" a reader asks.

Under Regulation 5(b) of the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations, 1954, the obligatory front lamps (side lamps) on the vehicle in question must be so fixed that no part of the vehicle or its equipment (except a driving mirror or a direction indicator) projects outwards on the same side as the lamp more than 12 in, beyond the centre of the lamp.

Under Section 8(1) of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1957, if during the hours of darkness a load overhanging the side of a vehicle projects outwards more than 12 in, beyond the centre of the outermost illuminated front lamp on that side, an additional or substituted lamp showing a white light to the front must be carried more than 12 in, beyond the centre of that lamp. Section 1(3) of the 1957 Act places on any person who causes or permits a vehicle to be on any road during the hours of darkness, the duty to provide lamps in accordance with the Act and of any regulations made under it.

Section 12(1) lays down maximum penalties which can be imposed for contravention of any of the provisions of the Act or regulations. These, on summary conviction, are fines not exceeding £5 for a first offence and not exceeding £20 for a second or subsequent conviction, "provided that it shall be a defence for a person driving or being in charge of a vehicle who is charged with an offence under the subsection to prove to the satisfaction of the court that the offence arose through the negligence or default of some other person whose duty it was to provide the vehicle with any lamp or reflector."

The foregoing applies only if a vehicle is used during the hours of darkness. The Ministry of Transport has, however, recently published proposals

recently published proposals to make lights obligatory by day as well. The suggestion is that a vehicle must have by day obligatory front (side) lamps which satisfy the conditions previously mentioned, and rear lamps in appropriate positions. If this requirement is not carried out by day it is proposed to inflict

a fine not exceeding £20 for the first conviction and £50 or three months' imprisonment on a second conviction. (This is greater than the maximum penalty for not keeping the lamps in proper order by day, which is £20 for each offence.)

A vehicle can be exempted from the need for obligatory lights in the prescribed position, but, if so, it must either not have any lamps at all at the front or rear or the lamps fitted to it must be completely masked, or the wiring disconnected, so that they are not readily usable.

Strictly speaking, there is no specific power to compel an owner to take his vehicle off the road where there is any defect in lighting equipment; but if he does not do his best to put the situation right as soon as is reasonable, presumably he is aggravating his offence and, in the event of an accident, would leave himself open to the full penalties of his carelessness or wilfulness. In the case of a commercial vehicle, however, if a Ministry examiner considers that "owing to any defects therein [the vehicle] is or is likely to become unfit for service," he can suspend its commercial operation.

A NOTHER inquiry concerns three-wheelers. A reader understands that a lad of 16 may drive a three-wheeled vehicle if it is not equipped with a reverse gear. Alternatively, if the three-wheeler was originally fitted with reverse gear, he asks whether his son, aged 16, would be allowed to drive if it was modified so that the reverse gear could not be used. He also asks whether he would have to register this modification.

A person of 16 years is permitted to drive a three-wheeled vehicle equipped with means for reversing and one not so equipped, if the weight does not exceed 8 cwt. In the first case the driving licence for a person under 17 years would be limited to a "reversible tricycle," whereas to drive the latter type of vehicle he should hold a Group G licence.

In the case of the threewheeler originally equipped with reverse gear, it is considered necessary for the selector guide plate to be fitted with an additional lug or with a modified plate incorporating the lug, before the vehicle can be driven by the holder of a Group G

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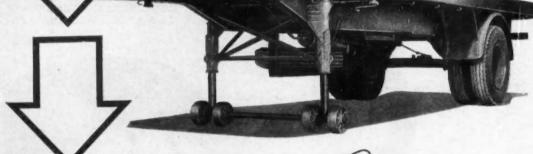
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licence. If at any time the vehicle is altered so that the reverse gear can be used, it will be necessary for the driver to hold a Group A licence, or, if he is under 17 years, a licence limited to a "reversible tricycle."

If a three-wheeler is modified by making the reverse gear inoperative, it is not necessary to inform the local taxation office, as it does not alter the registration particulars.

CLAIMING that he has used "'The Commercial Motor' Tables of Operating Costs" for many years and has always found them most helpful, an A-licensee says he is puzzled by the amount shown for vehicle insurance. Despite a 20 per cent. no-claim bonus, his rates are far in excess of those shown in the "Tables" and he asks for comment on this apparent anomaly.

The explanation—given in the introduction to the "Tables"—is that C-licence operation in "medium-risk" areas is assumed. This is because of the endeavour to make the "Tables" of use to as wide a range

of operators as possible.

Up to and including the stage of total operating costs, the "Tables" relating to goods vehicles are applicable to C-licence operation. Thereafter the minimum charges shown, whether per mile, per week or a combination of time plus mileage, are intended primarily for use by professional hauliers. They comprise operating and establishment costs, together with a profit margin and the establishment costs are calculated to include the difference in cost between C- and A-licence insurance premiums.

A FTER stating that they now know exactly what each vehicle costs per mile, following introduction to the "Tables" 12 months ago, some Yorkshire operators ask whether there is a simple way of introducing a bonus scheme for their staff and whether this should be based on time or mileage, but with provision to avoid the possibility of exceeding the legal speed limit or maximum hours of driving. Their vehicles are engaged on long-distance work averaging 1,000 miles per week and are fitted with recording clocks.

Presumably the object of the proposed bonus scheme is to encourage more economic running and to give appropriate rewards to drivers—and possibly fitting staff, although this is not specifically mentioned. As their vehicles are engaged on long-distance work with a high weekly mileage, it would seem reasonable to assume that this in turn implies a comparatively small number of deliveries per trip. Therefore, as recording



clocks are already fitted, it should be possible to work out an agreed time per trin

agreed time per trip.

Superimposed on this I would suggest a fuel bonus system, because a low fuel consumption often indicates good driving habits and, in turn, economic running. Moreover, such a scheme would have the required merit of simplicity.

Economies would accrue to the company not only as a result of reduced fuel bills but also ultimately, if not immediately, from lower maintenance costs. The details of such a scheme would obviously have to be worked out by each operator, depending upon his particular circumstances, both as regards the type of vehicle employed and the operational characteristics.

HOW many trailers may be drawn by one vehicle? The number varies according to the type of vehicle. A heavy or light locomotive may draw three trailers, and a motor tractor one laden or two unladen trailers. Heavy motor cars and motor cars may draw one trailer only. These restrictions do not apply to the Navy, Army or R.A.F., nor to any vehicle used solely for carrying water for the drawing vehicle or any agricultural vehicle not constructed to carry a load, none of these being regarded as a "trailer" relative to the number that can be drawn.

In this context "motor cars" are goods vehicles with unladen weights up to 3 tons and "heavy motor cars" over that weight. "Motor tractors" are vehicles not constructed to carry a load and weighing not more than 7½ tons. Between 7½ tons and 11½ tons they are termed "light locomotives" and over this weight "heavy locomotives."

### Bulk-sugar Tanker Used in Holland

A STAINLESS STEEL tank, insulated and enclosed within an aluminium skin, is being used for the bulk transport of refined sugar by Alb. Keyzer. Zaandam, Holland. The tank has a capacity of 15-16 tons and is mounted on a Netam tandem-axled semi-trailer. The tractor is a 150 b.h.p. Leyland Super Beaver, with fully automatic transmission, assembled and supplied by Leyland Holland N.V.

The load enters the tank through a manhole at the front, with the tank in the tipped position below a silo. Tipping is by twin hydraulic rams, and four hydraulic legs support the semi-trailer. Power for these operations is supplied by a small petrol engine mounted amidships on the semi-trailer.

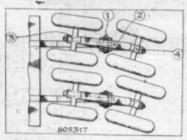
Unloading is carried out at an angle of 38° through a manually operated valve at the rear of the tank. The sugar passes through a tubular shaft into a special storage tank kept at each unloading point. The system replaces a costly method of delivering sugar in 110-lb. bags.



This Leyland tanker, used in Holland to carry sugar, has fully automatic transmission.

## Automatic Trailer Steering

IT is well known that the wheels on trailers do not follow the turning circle of the tractor vehicle and patent No. 805,317 discloses a scheme by which, it is claimed, they will automatically do The arrangement is said to be particularly suitable for long low-loader trailers used for transporting heavy machinery. (American European Engineering Corp., Santa Barbara, California, U.S.A.)



The drawing shows an eight-wheeled bogle layout in plan. The two sets of wheels are each carried on a rocking beam which is pivoted on a central pin (1). The beam can, however, also rock about an inclined axis on the pin (2). The wheels, too, have local movement, one pair pivoting about horizontal pins (3) whilst the other pair is mounted on an angular pin (4).

The geometry of the scheme is not easy to appreciate without a working model, but the patentee states that when the tractor is steered, the swinging of the beams in a horizontal plane causes them to rock on their sloping pins and the wheels to swing about their angular axis. The combination of the two is claimed to incline the wheels to the correct steering angles as shown in the drawing.

### HYDRAULIC TAPPET ADJUSTMENT

AUTOMATIC mechanism for taking up the slack in valve gear is shown in patent No. 805,109. The take-up

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mechanism is all stationary, which means that it can be made as robust as necessary without adding weight to the moving parts. (Rolls-Royce, Ltd., Nightingale Road. Derby.)

The rocker bearing consists of a part-spherical convex surface (1). the rocker being guided by a clearance hole (2) around the central pillar.

The concave surface into which it seats is formed in the bottom of a piston (3) which is free to slide in a stationary cylinder (4). The pillar passes through a bore in the piston crown.

The adjustment is made and maintained by hydraulic pressure inside this cylinder, tending to force the rocker downwards on to the valve and push-rod. The hydraulic pressure is drawn from the lubricating system and reaches the cylinder through a one-way valve (5) and a central bore in the pillar. A small bleed-hole (6) ensures that air is eliminated.

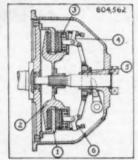
The position of the adjuster on top of the cylinder block ensures accessibility for maintenance. Removal of the unit does not disturb the valve gear.

### A THREE-VALVE CYLINDER

A n unusual valve layout is shown in patent No. 804,465, the intention being to ensure long and trouble-free

valve life, especially in compression - ignition engines, whilst providing some induction charging. Bouteleux, 5 Dulong, Rouen (Seine Maritime), France.)

Referring to the draw-ing, it will be seen that the inlet valve (1) works inside the exhaust valve (2), the latter having a tubular stem and head. An additional valve (3) called a pre-inlet, opens a chamber (4) from which



with an adjustable stroke to enable variations in pre-compression to be made during operation.

### SPOT-TYPE CLUTCH

CLUTCHES and brakes are very similar in their basic principles and developments. Such is the case of a novel clutch shown in patent No. 804,562 which clearly shows the influence of the disc brake in its design. (Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., 1 Albany Street, Loudon, N.W.1.)

The specification illustrates both a light-duty clutch and a heavier one; the latter is shown in the drawing. The driving disc (1) is attached to the flywheel

and projects radially inwards. The driven member consists of two diaopposed metrically calipers (2) straddling the disc and splined to the output shaft.

Friction pads attached to one side of the calipers and to plungers (3). The pads are forced into gripping contact by bell-cranks (4) linked to a sliding collar (5) on the shaft. This is

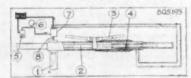
moved by a bifurcated lever in the usual manner. Though screw adjusters (6) are shown, the patent covers also the use of automatic take-up devices.

### POWER STEERING

PATENT No. 805,193 asserts that a power-assisted steering system should not be operated by the heavier units of the steering mechanism. A scheme embodying these points is described in the patent. (S. A. Andre Citroen, 117-167 Quai de Javel, Paris.)

In the drawing, 1 is the steering column; this carries a pinion which meshes with a rack rod (2). The steering arms are coupled to the rack rod by the two rods (3).

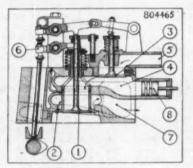
The rack is extended to form a piston (4) working in a closed cylinder. is the power unit and it is operated by the application of hydraulic pressure to one end or the other. The pressure is generated by a pump (5), stored in an



accumulator (6) and controlled by a valve

The valve is worked by steering column movement, rotation of which causes a small rod (8) to be pulled or pushed. The conversion from rotary motion is performed by rollers working in helical

The hydraulic control valves are described in detail in the specification. Great precision in controlling the movement of the valve slides is said to be achieved by the design and a selfcentring action is provided by the system.



the main inlet valve draws its charge. In operation, the main inlet valve opens first and releases a charge of pre-

compressed air or fuel-air mixture stored in the chamber\_ The pre-inlet valve then opens to recharge the chamber through the intake (5).

On the compression stroke, the pre-inlet is first closed, causing a part of the charge to be forced back into the chamber under light compression. Then the main inlet valve closes and the

compression and power strokes follow in the normal way.

The hollow exhaust valve is worked by its own rocker (6) and discharges out of the passage (7). Though the inlet valve moves with it, it remains closed.

A rocker-operated piston (8) is located in the storage chamber; this is used to give additional pre-compression to the next charge. It is preferably provided

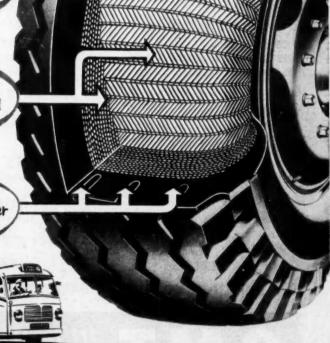
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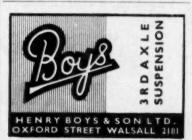
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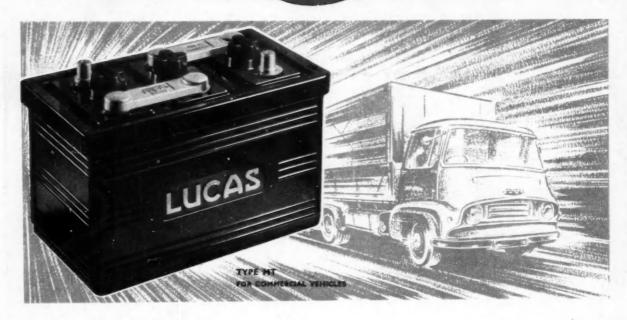
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